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**"THE HORNS
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BEGINNING:

A GREAT
NEW ERA
IN THE EVER-CHANGING
LIFE OF THE WORLD'S
MOST AMAZING
WEB-SPINNER!

SEE THE RETURN
OF **BETTY BRANT**,
AND THE STARTLING
RESULT THAT FOLLOWS!

SEE THE SURPRISE
APPEARANCE OF
J. JONAH JAMESON'S
ASTRONAUT SON!

SEE THE MOST
EXCITING NEW
PURCHASE PETEY
EVER MADE!

SEE SPIDEY FIGHT
THE **RHINO**--MOST
FEARSOME VILLAIN
OF ALL!

DESPITE THE EXTREME **MODESTY** FOR WHICH
WE'RE SO JUSTLY FAMOUS, WE SIMPLY **HAVE** TO
TELL YOU THAT THIS IS ONE OF THE **GREATEST**
ACHIEVEMENTS OF--

STAN LEE, WRITER **JOHN ROMITA**, ARTIST
M. DEMEO, INKER **ART SIMEK**, LETTERER

MOST SUPER-HERO THRILLERS OPEN WITH CONTRIVED ACTION, IN ORDER TO HOOK YOU! BUT WE KNOW YOU'LL HANG AROUND--AND, TO PROVE OUR FAITH IN YOU, LET'S VISIT AUNT MAY...

I'M SO GLAD YOU DROPPED IN, ANNA!

SO AM I, MAY DEAR! THERE'S NOTHING LIKE HAVING SOME TEA AND A TALK WITH A GOOD FRIEND!

BESIDES, I'VE BEEN WANTING TO ASK YOU SOMETHING...

NOW THAT MY NIECE, MARY JANE, TOOK AN APARTMENT OF HER OWN, WHY DON'T YOU SELL THIS HOUSE AND MOVE IN WITH ME?

IT WOULD MEAN SUCH A SAVING FOR YOU--AND WE'D BE COMPANY FOR EACH OTHER!

ANNA MAY WATSON! IF YOU AREN'T THE DEAREST THING!

THEN, YOU'LL DO IT?

I'D LOVE TO, DEAR-- BUT I JUST COULDN'T! THERE'D BE NO ONE TO LOOK AFTER POOR PETER!

BUT, MAY--HE'S ALMOST TWENTY--HE'S GOING TO COLLEGE!

HE EVEN EARNS A LIVING BY SELLING NEWS PHOTOS!

BUT, I'M THE ONLY RELATIVE HE HAS! THE DEAR BOY IS SO DEPENDENT UPON ME!

YOU KNOW HOW FRAIL, AND FRAGILE HE IS! IF I WEREN'T AROUND TO BE SURE HE EATS A BALANCED DIET, AND WEARS WARM CLOTHES, I DON'T KNOW WHAT WOULD HAPPEN!

I SUPPOSE YOU KNOW BEST, DEAR! WELL, THANK YOU FOR THE TEA, MAY... I'M AFRAID I MUST RUN ALONG NOW!

IF PETER PARKER WERE MY NEPHEW, I'D TRY TO MAKE HIM MORE INDEPENDENT!

BUT, HE'S PROBABLY THE TYPE THAT LIKES TO BE MOLLY-CODDLED!

AFTER STRUGGLING THRU THE LAST FOUR PANELS, YOU CAN BE SURE OF ONE THING--OUR STORY CAN'T POSSIBLY MOVE ANY SLOWER FROM NOW ON! SO, WHAT SAY WE JOIN MAY PARKER'S "FRAGILE" NEPHEW NOW--?

I'VE MADE UP MY MIND! I'LL TAKE IT!

AFTER SEEING YOU IN HERE EVERY DAY FOR A MONTH, I KIND OF THOUGHT YOU WOULD!

I SUPPOSE I CAN FINANCE IT?

CERTAINLY, PARKER--SO LONG AS THE BANK APPROVES THE LOAN!

WE'LL NEED A CREDIT REFERENCE, OF COURSE!

OH, THAT WON'T BE ANY PROBLEM! I'VE BEEN SELLING PHOTOS TO JONAH JAMESON FOR YEARS! I'M SURE HE'LL VOUCH FOR ME!

WHY NOT CALL HIM NOW, WHILE I DRAW UP THE PAPERS?

SURE! I DON'T WANNA WASTE A MINUTE!

I WANT THOSE WHEELS SO BAD I CAN TASTE IT!

THUS, A FEW SECONDS LATER...

PARKER?? WHY IN BLAZES HAVEN'T YOU BROUGHT ME ANY PHOTOS THIS WEEK? IF YOU THINK--

WHAT?!! YOU WANT TO BUY A CYCLE-- AND EXPECT ME TO RECOMMEND YOU FOR THE BANK LOAN?

YOU DIALED THE WRONG NUMBER, KID! TRY LOOKIN' UP SANTA CLAUS!

ANYTHING WRONG, DAD?

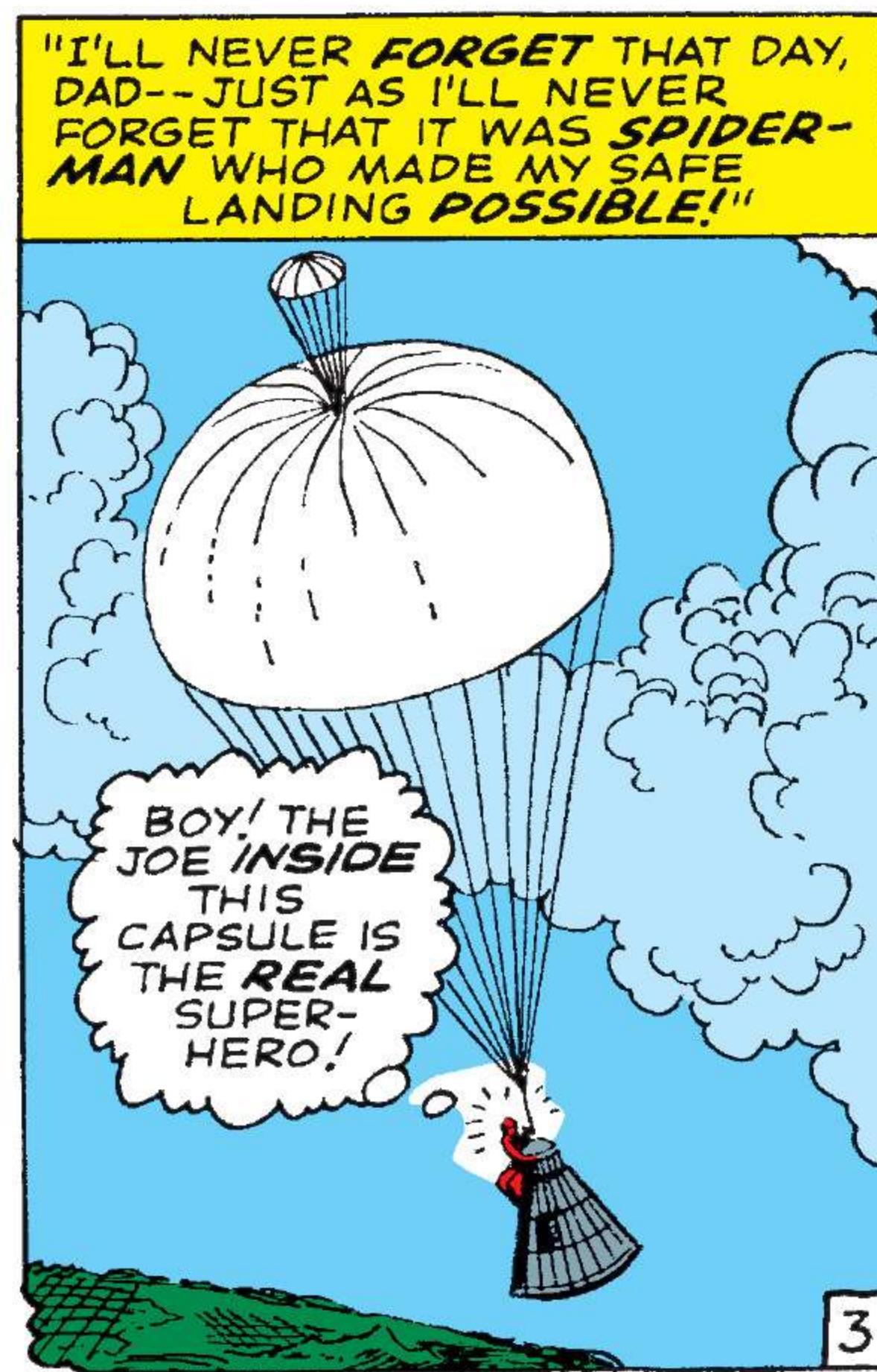
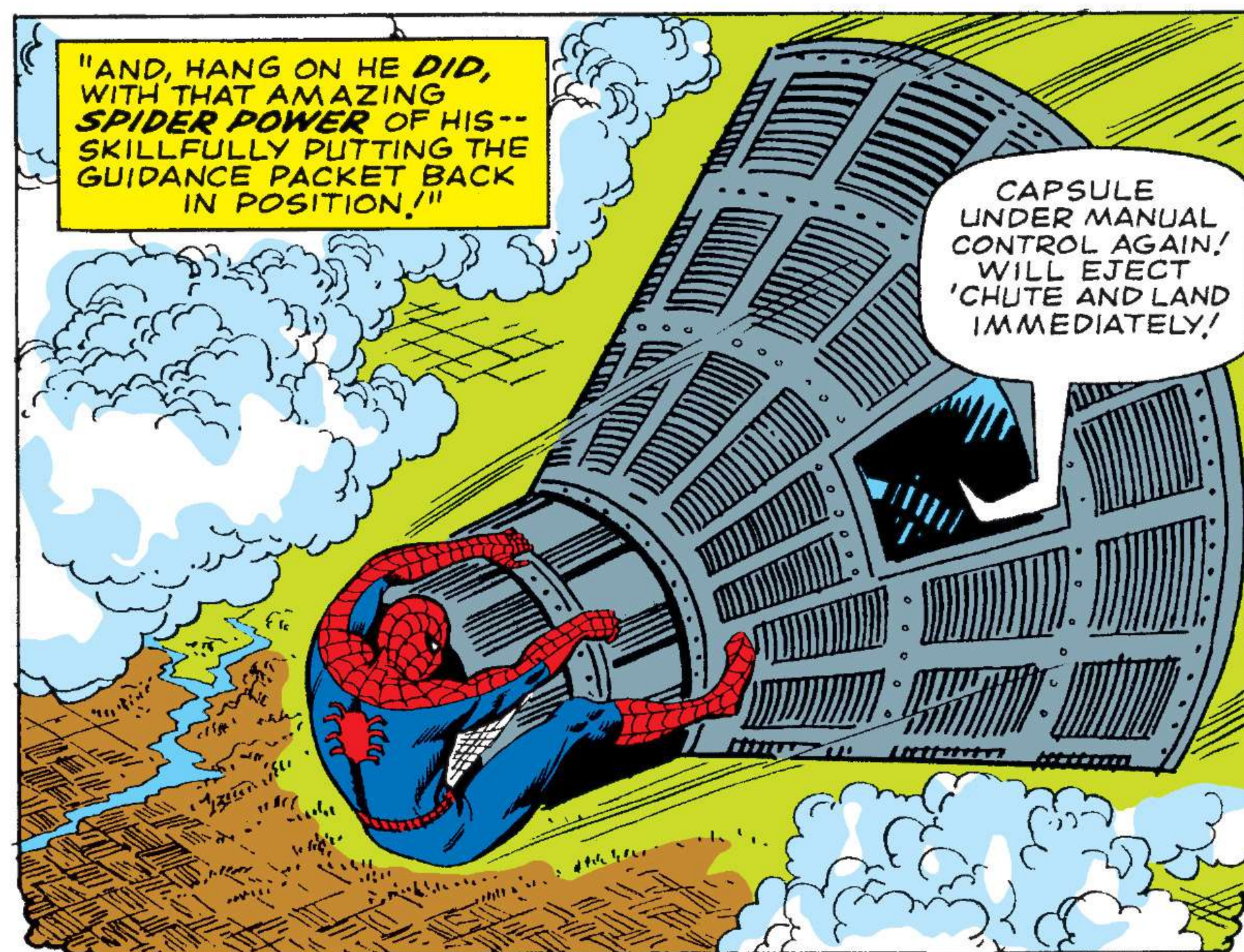
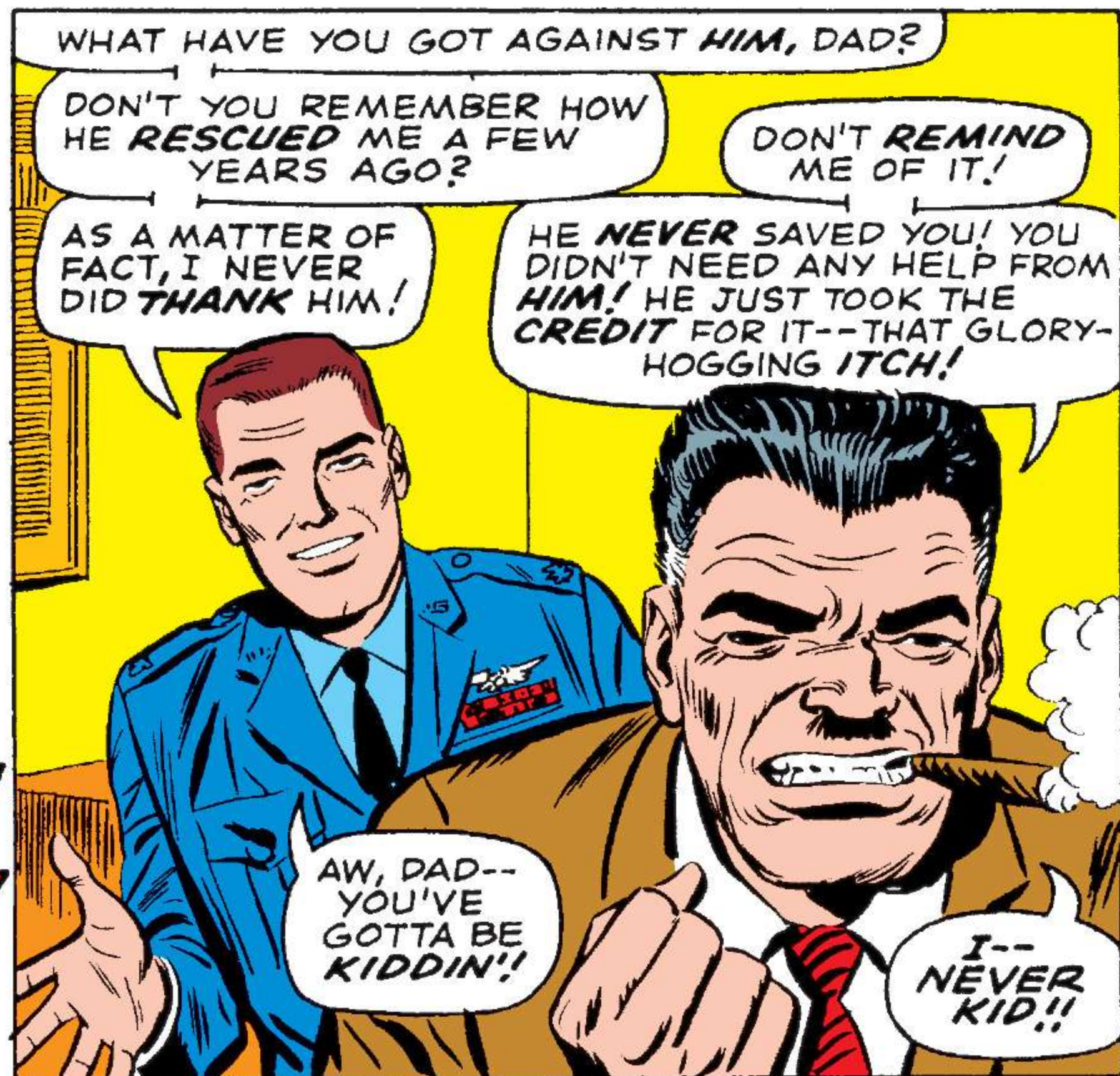
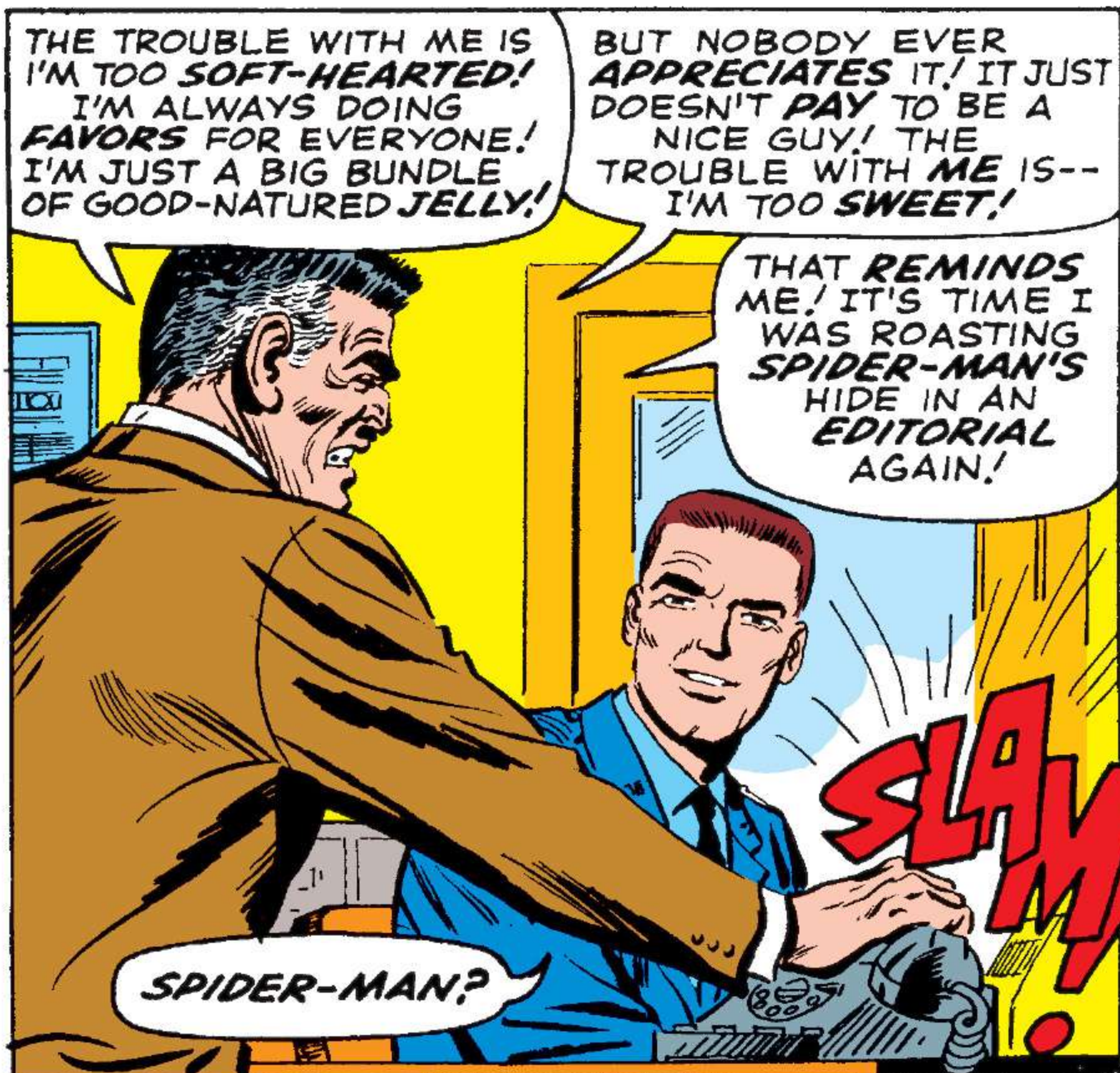
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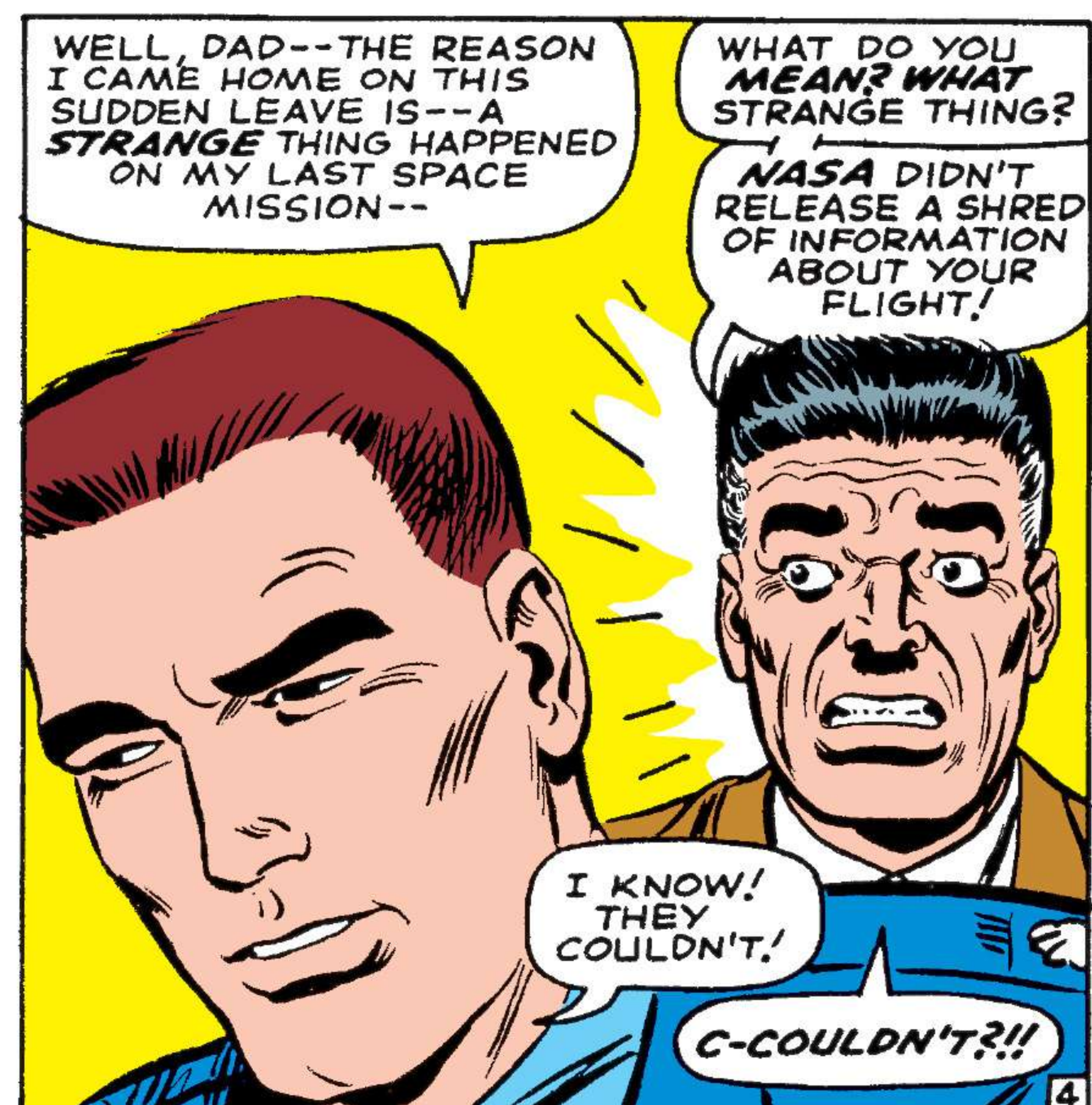
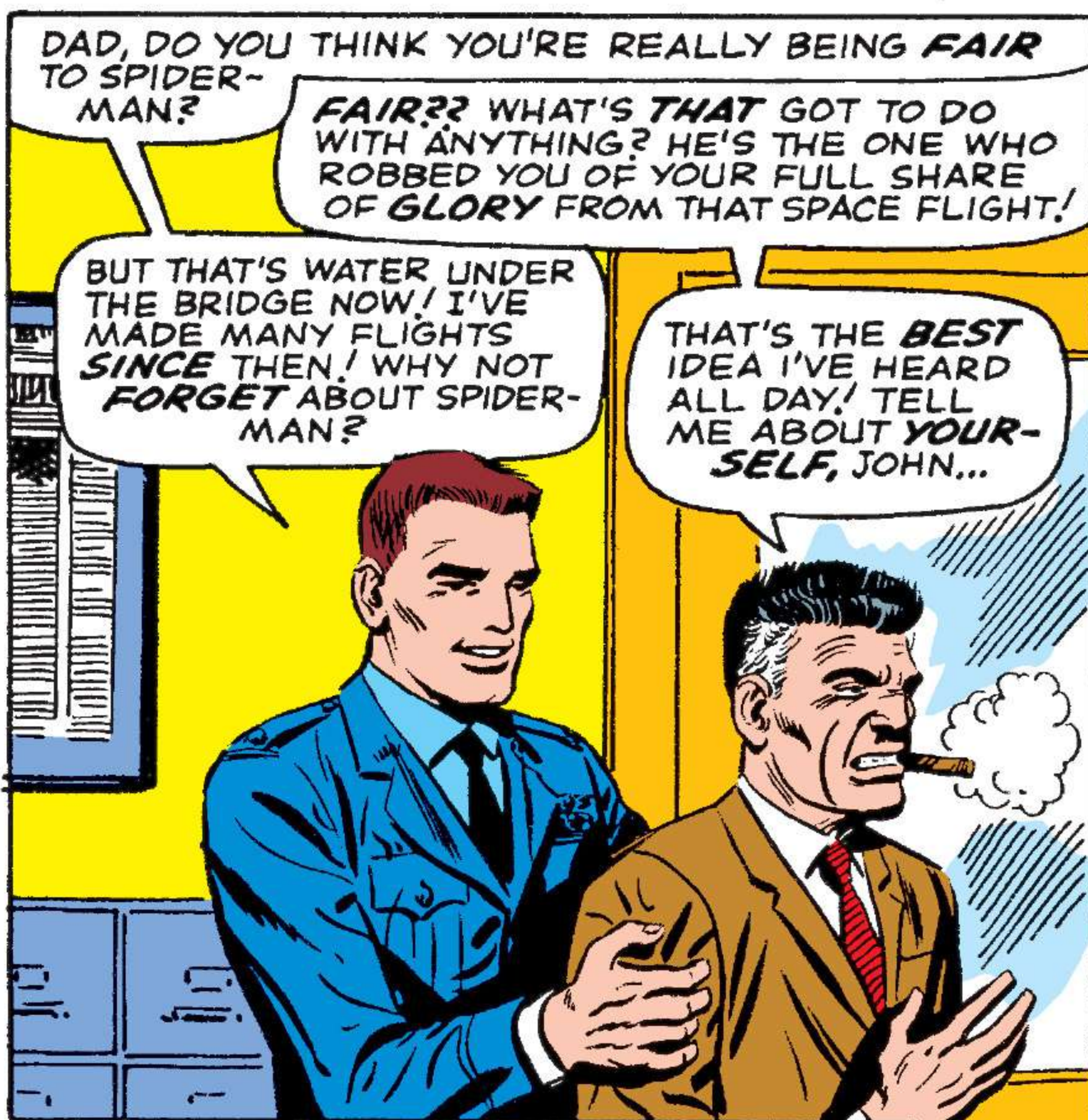
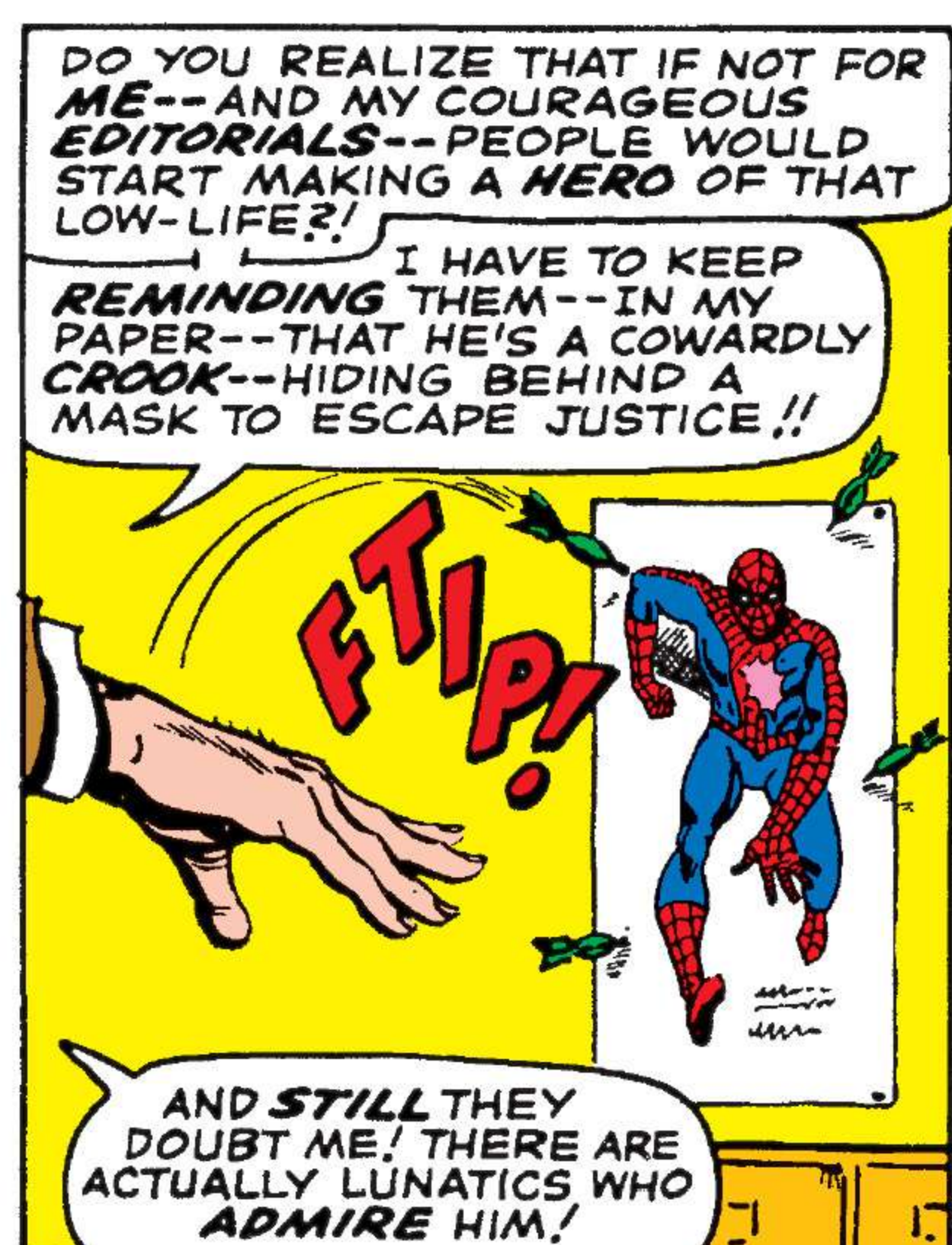
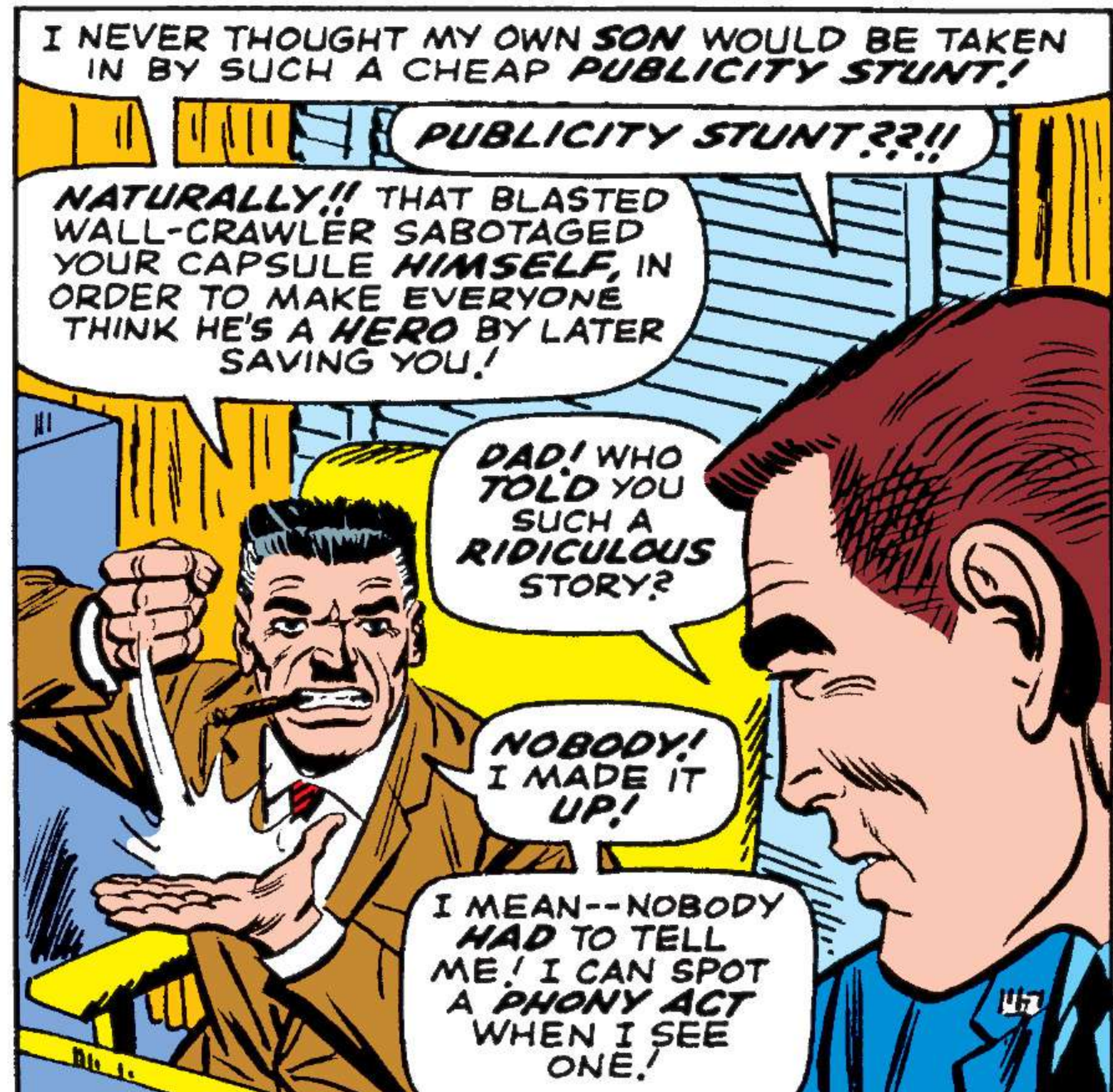
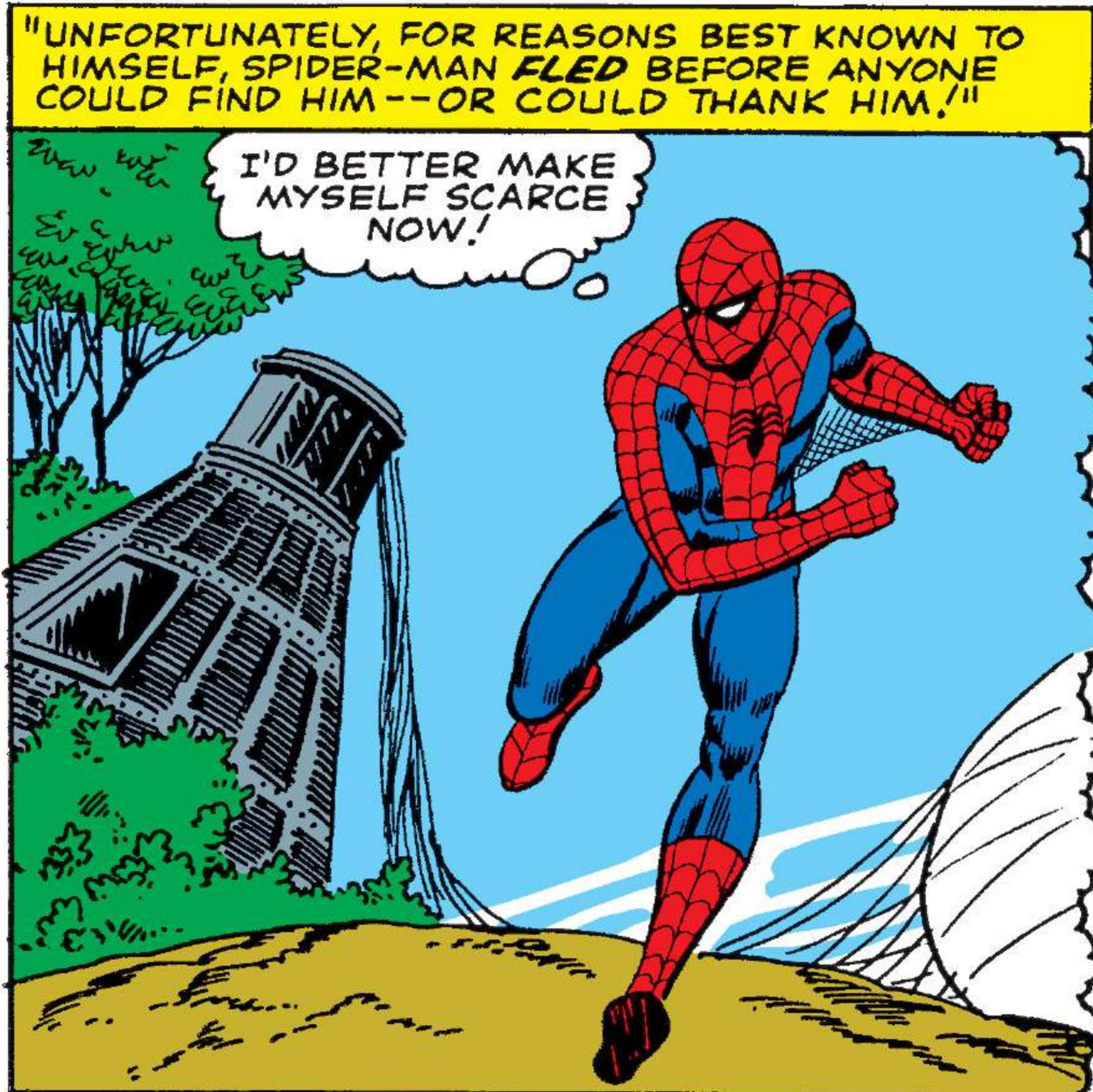
BUT, COME TO THINK OF IT, IF HE HAS A DEBT TO PAY OFF, HE'D HAVE TO SELL ME MORE PICTURES --AND I CAN BUY 'EM CHEAPER THAN EVER FROM HIM!

TELL YOU WHAT, PARKER-- EVEN THOUGH EVERYONE SAYS I'M TOO GENEROUS FOR MY OWN GOOD, I'LL DO IT FOR YOU!

WOW! GREAT!

YEAH--CHORTLE--GREAT!





THEY HAD TO MAKE SURE THE **SPACE SPORES** WOULDN'T BE HARMFUL TO EARTH, FIRST!

SPACE SPORES? WHAT SPACE SPORES ?!!

SINCE THE INFORMATION HAS JUST BEEN **DECLASSIFIED**, I CAN TELL YOU NOW--!

"AT THE **APOGEE** OF MY ORBIT, AFTER COMPLETING MY **SPACE WALK**, WHEN I REENTERED THE CAPSULE, I FOUND THAT SOME MYSTERIOUS **SPORES** HAD DRIFTED INSIDE **WITH ME**!"

"EVEN AFTER **SPLASH-DOWN**, THEY CLUNG TO MY SPACE SUIT, THEN LATER TO MY **BODY**!"

THEY **SEEM** HARM-LESS ENOUGH, BUT--!

"I WAS SUBJECTED TO INTENSIVE TESTS FOR **DAYS**--AND EVERYTHING APPEARED TO CHECK OUT **A-OKAY**! THE SPORES THEMSELVES GREW WEAKER AND WEAKER, AND FINALLY JUST FADED AWAY!"

HE CAN BE **RELEASED** NOW! THE SPORES ARE COMPLETELY **GONE**!

BUT, THEY MAY HAVE HAD AN EFFECT UPON HIM THAT WON'T SHOW UP UNTIL **LATER**!

HE MUST BE KEPT UNDER GUARD FOR AT LEAST **SIX MONTHS**!

CERTAIN NATIONS WOULD GIVE **ANYTHING** TO EXAMINE HIM BEHIND THE **IRON CURTAIN**!

"FROM THAT MOMENT ON, I'VE BEEN UNDER CONTINUAL **SURVEILLANCE**! ARMED AGENTS ACCOMPANY ME **EVERYWHERE**!"

HOW LONG WILL YOU FELLAS BE PLAYING NURSE-MAID TO ME?

UNTIL WE CAN BE **ABSOLUTELY SURE** THOSE **SPORES** DIDN'T AFFECT YOU IN ANY WAY, COLONEL!

BECAUSE, IF THEY **DID**, YOU'D BE A PRIZE **CATCH** FOR ANY HOSTILE NATION ON **EARTH**!

YOU SEE, DAD, THE SPACE AGENCY MEDICS GAINED INVALUABLE INFORMATION BY STUDYING THOSE SPORES AND MY REACTIONS TO THEM--INFORMATION THAT MAY GIVE US THE BOOST WE NEED IN THE **SPACE RACE**!

WHICH IS WHY THERE ARE **TWO AGENTS** OUTSIDE THIS DOOR RIGHT **NOW**--AND ANOTHER TEAM READY TO RELIEVE THEM EVERY **SIX HOURS**!

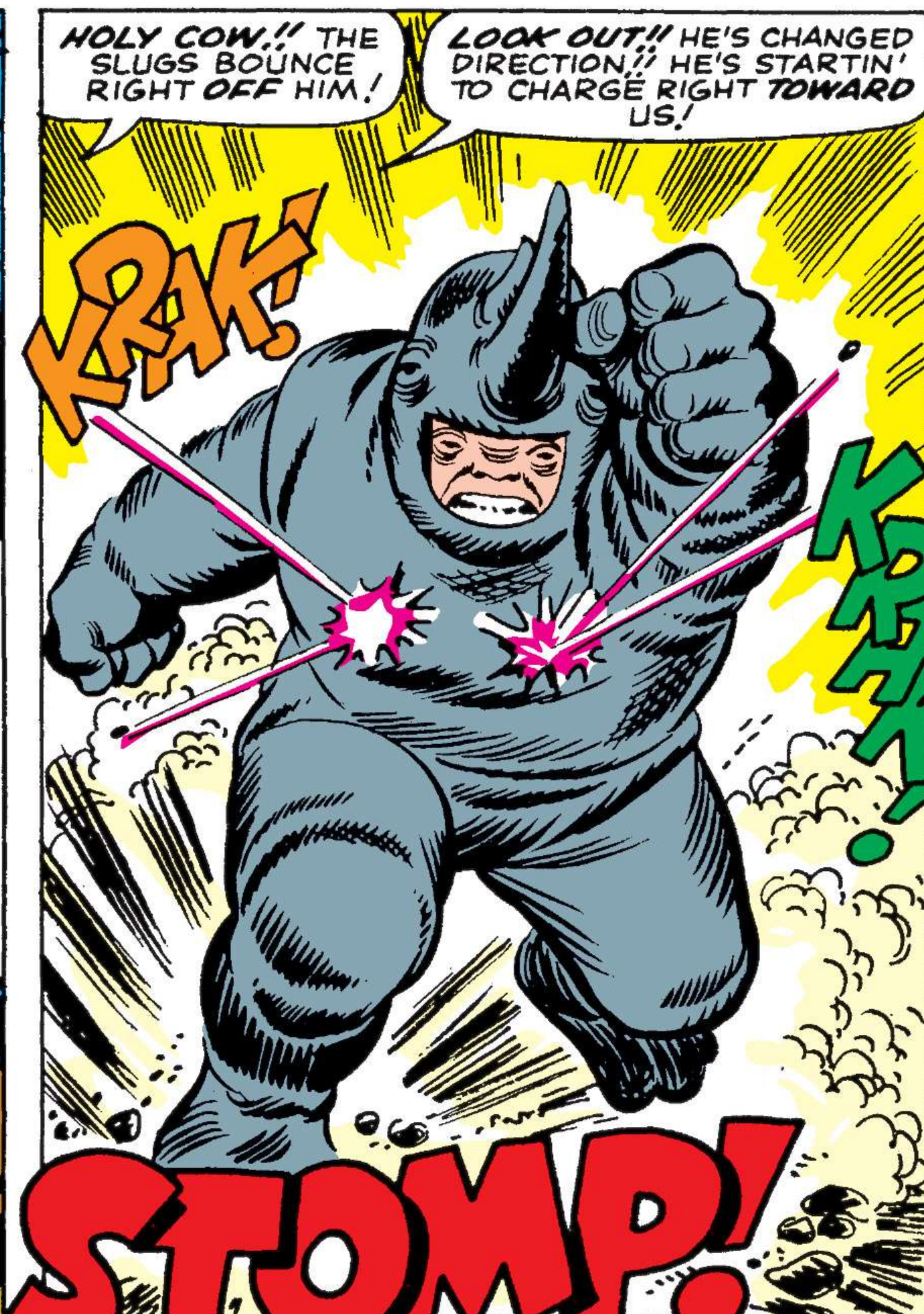
BUT, EVEN AS JONAH JAMESON IS STRUCK **SPEECHLESS**--FOR ONE OF THE FEW TIMES IN HIS LIFE--AN EVENT IS TRANSPIRING MANY MILES AWAY, AT OUR SOUTHERNMOST BORDER--AN EVENT WHICH IS DESTINED TO SERIOUSLY AFFECT THE LIVES, AND THE **SAFETY**, OF OUR COLORFUL LITTLE CAST OF CHARACTERS--

AT **LAST**! AFTER ALL THE LONG MONTHS OF WAITING--PREPARING--COUNTING EVERY MINUTE AND HOUR--IT'S FINALLY TIME--TIME FOR THE **RHINO** TO STRIKE !!

HEY, SAM! WHAT IN THE NAME OF CREATION DO YA CALL **THAT**?

I DUNNO! BUT, **WHAT-EVER** IT IS, IT'S NOT GETTING PAST THIS BORDER CHECK POINT TILL WE **FIND OUT**!

STOMP!



AH, YES! TRIED-AND-TRUE MARVELITES WON'T NEED A BUILDING TO FALL ON THEM IN ORDER TO KNOW THAT THEIR FRIENDLY NEIGHBORHOOD **SPIDER-MAN** WILL SOON BE IN FOR ONE OF THE TOUGHEST FIGHTS OF HIS ENTIRE CRIME-SMASHING CAREER!

AND SO, THE WORLD HAS BEEN GIVEN ITS FIRST INTRODUCTION TO THE MATCHLESS MENACE OF--THE UNSTOPPABLE **RHINO!**

BUT NOW, WE MOST EARNESTLY REQUEST THAT YOU PREPARE YOURSELF FOR A SUDDEN SURPRISE AS WE BACK TO NEW YORK--

STOMP! STOMP!

...WHERE WE FIND AN UNUSUALLY CHEERFUL **PETER PARKER** WRAPPED IN HIS OWN HAPPY THOUGHTS--!

JUST CAN'T WAIT TO GET MY HANDS ON THAT LITTLE TWO-WHEELED TORNADO!

I'LL BET RIDING IT IS ALMOST AS GROOVY AS WEB-SWINGING!

AND THEN, AS SO OFTEN HAPPENS IN THIS UNPREDICTABLE WORLD OF OURS, COMPLETELY BY ACCIDENT--TOTALLY UNEXPECTED--A **CHANCE MEETING**--!

BETTY!!

PETER!! IT--IT'S REALLY YOU!

GOSH! WHAT A WONDERFUL SURPRISE!! I DIDN'T EVEN KNOW YOU WERE IN TOWN!

I WASN'T, TILL A FEW MINUTES AGO! I JUST ARRIVED!

YOU CERTAINLY LOOK WELL, PETER!

AFTER ALL THESE MONTHS--THAT'S ALL SHE CAN SAY!?

ALTHOUGH--I CAN'T THINK OF ANYTHING BETTER TO SAY!

WOULD YOU--LIKE A CUP OF COFFEE?

WHY, YES--THAT WOULD BE NICE!

DID YOU HAVE A NICE TIME ON THE COAST?

YES, I DID, THANKS! IS EVERYTHING ALL RIGHT WITH YOU--AND YOUR AUNT MAY?

OH, SURE--WE'RE JUST FINE!

WHAT'S WRONG? WHAT'S HAPPENED BETWEEN US? WE'RE LIKE TWO STRANGERS, GROPING FOR WORDS!

HOW IS EVERYTHING AT THE BUGLE, PETER?

OKAY, I SUPPOSE--!

JONAH JAMESON HAS BEEN AS GROUCHY AS EVER!

YES--I IMAGINED HE WOULD BE--!

OH, BRO-THER! THIS IS SHEER TORTURE!

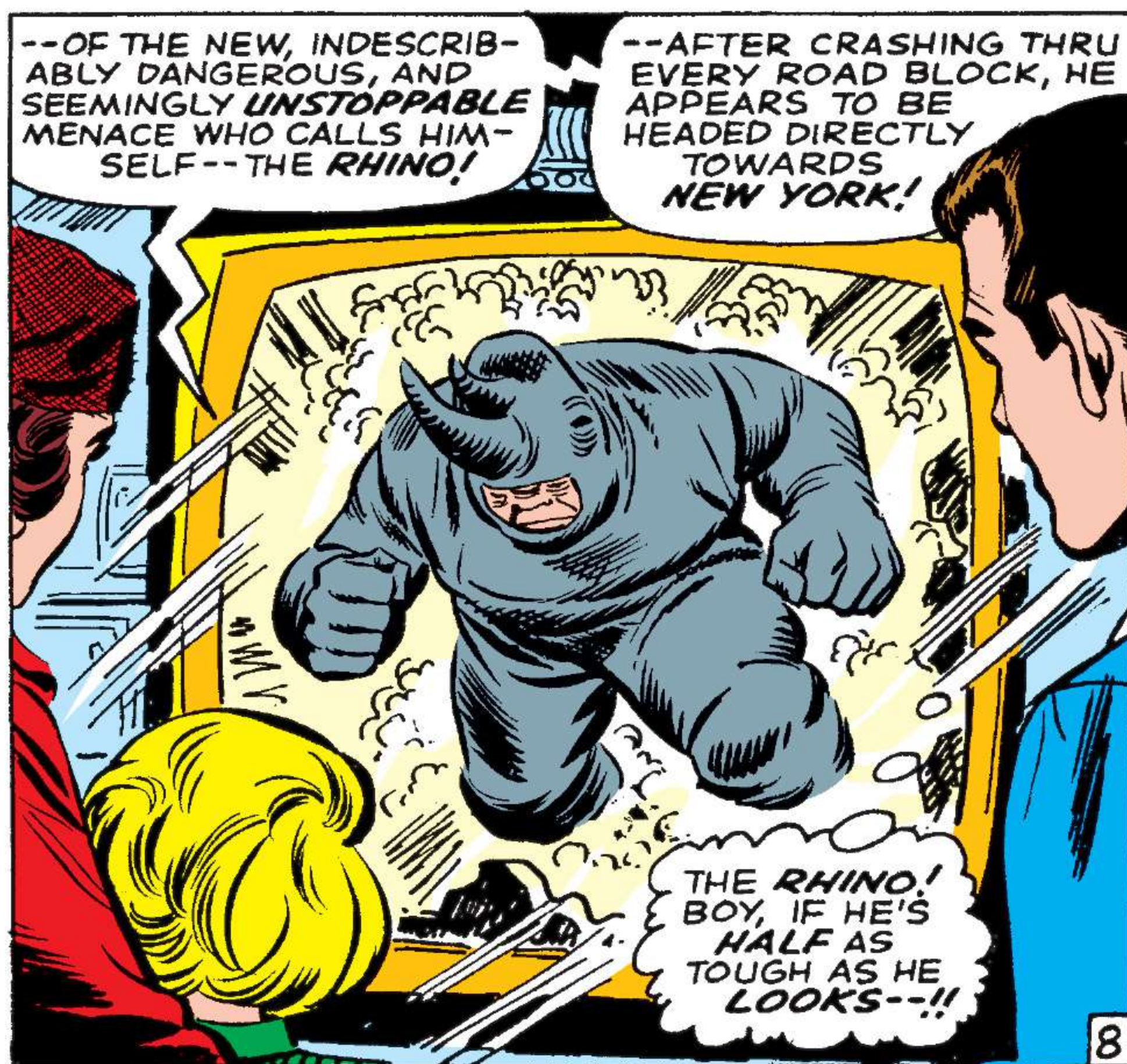
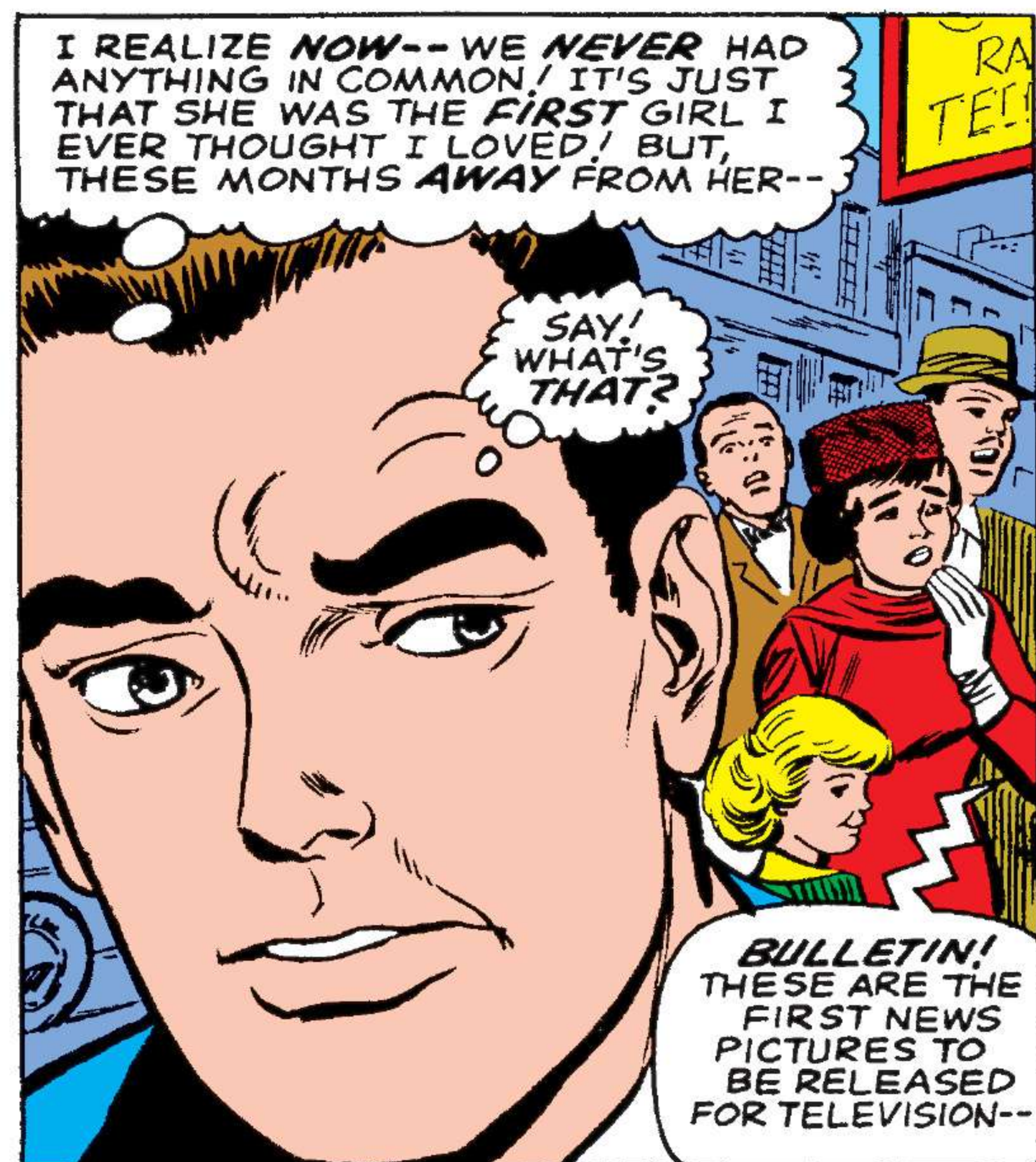
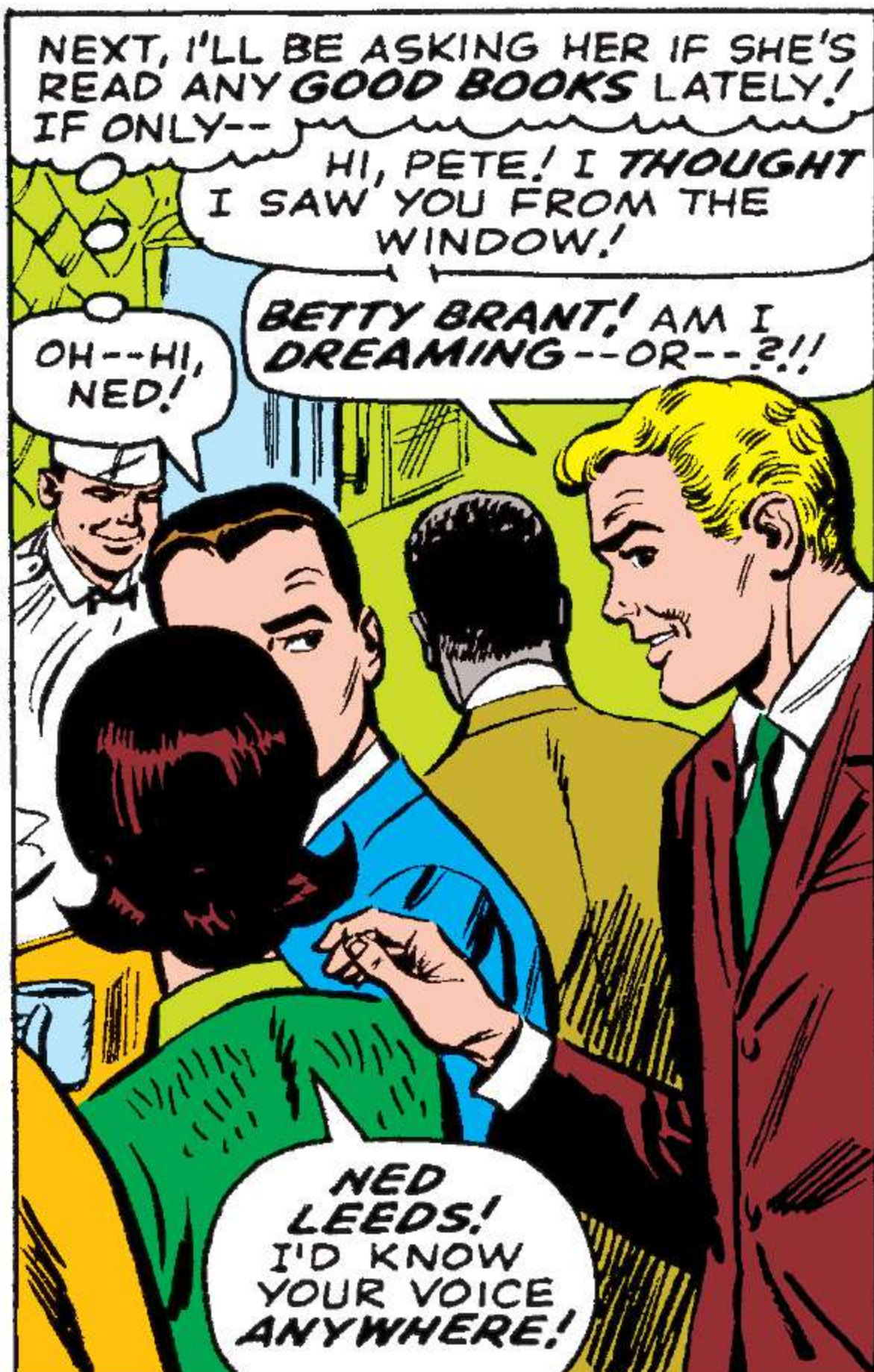
AND I'LL BET IT'S JUST AS TOUGH FOR HER!

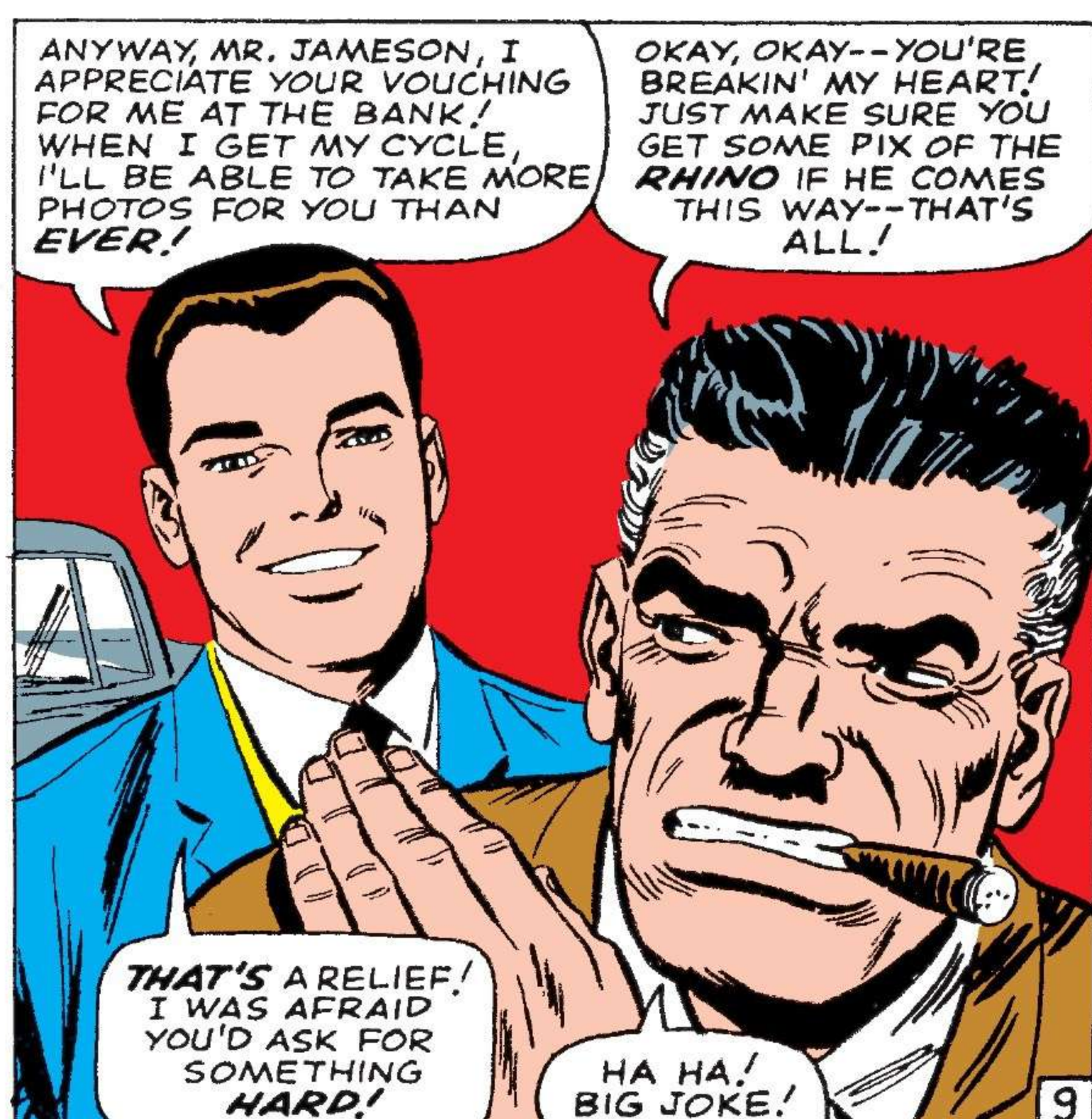
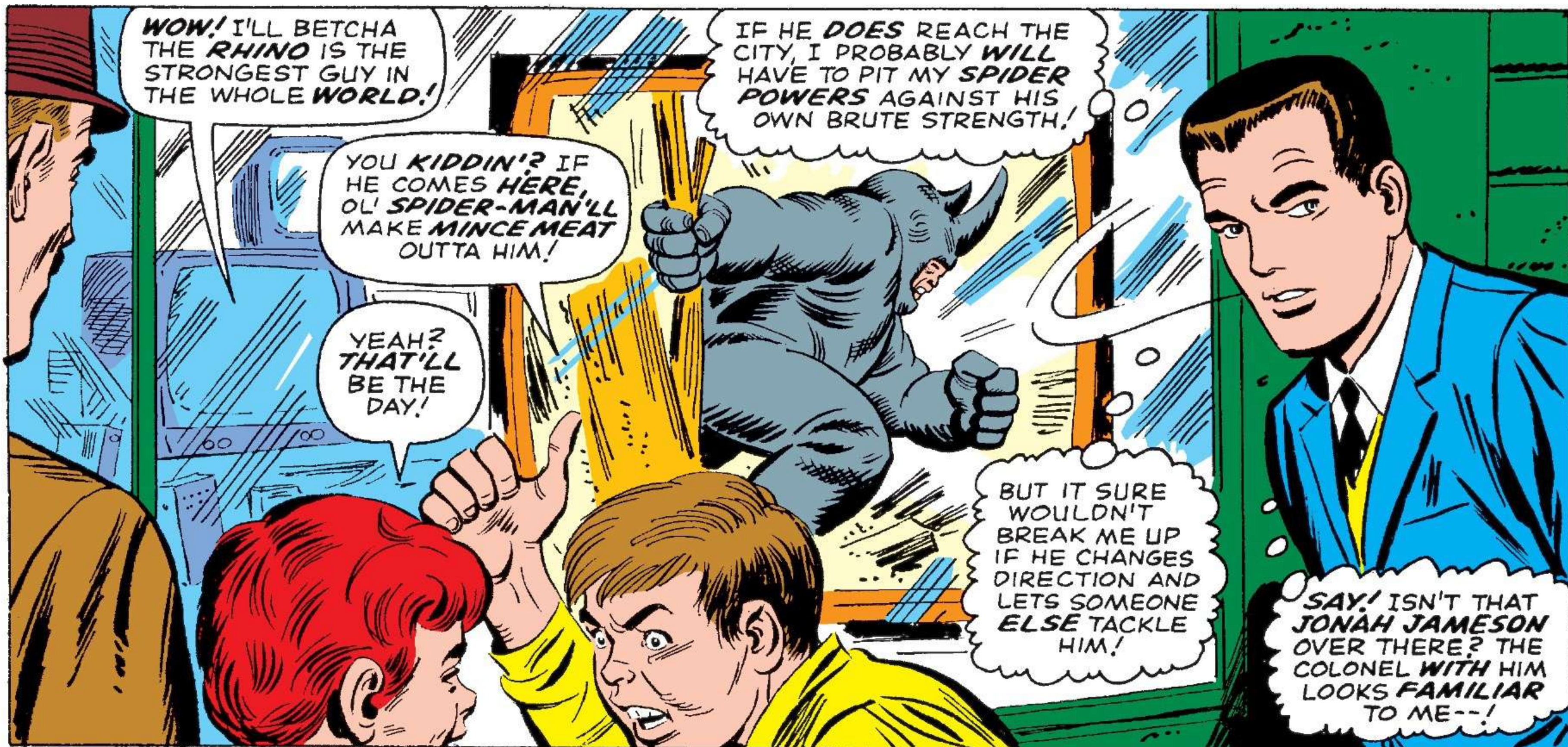
ALL THESE MONTHS--I THOUGHT ABOUT HER--DREAMT ABOUT HER--LONGED FOR HER!!

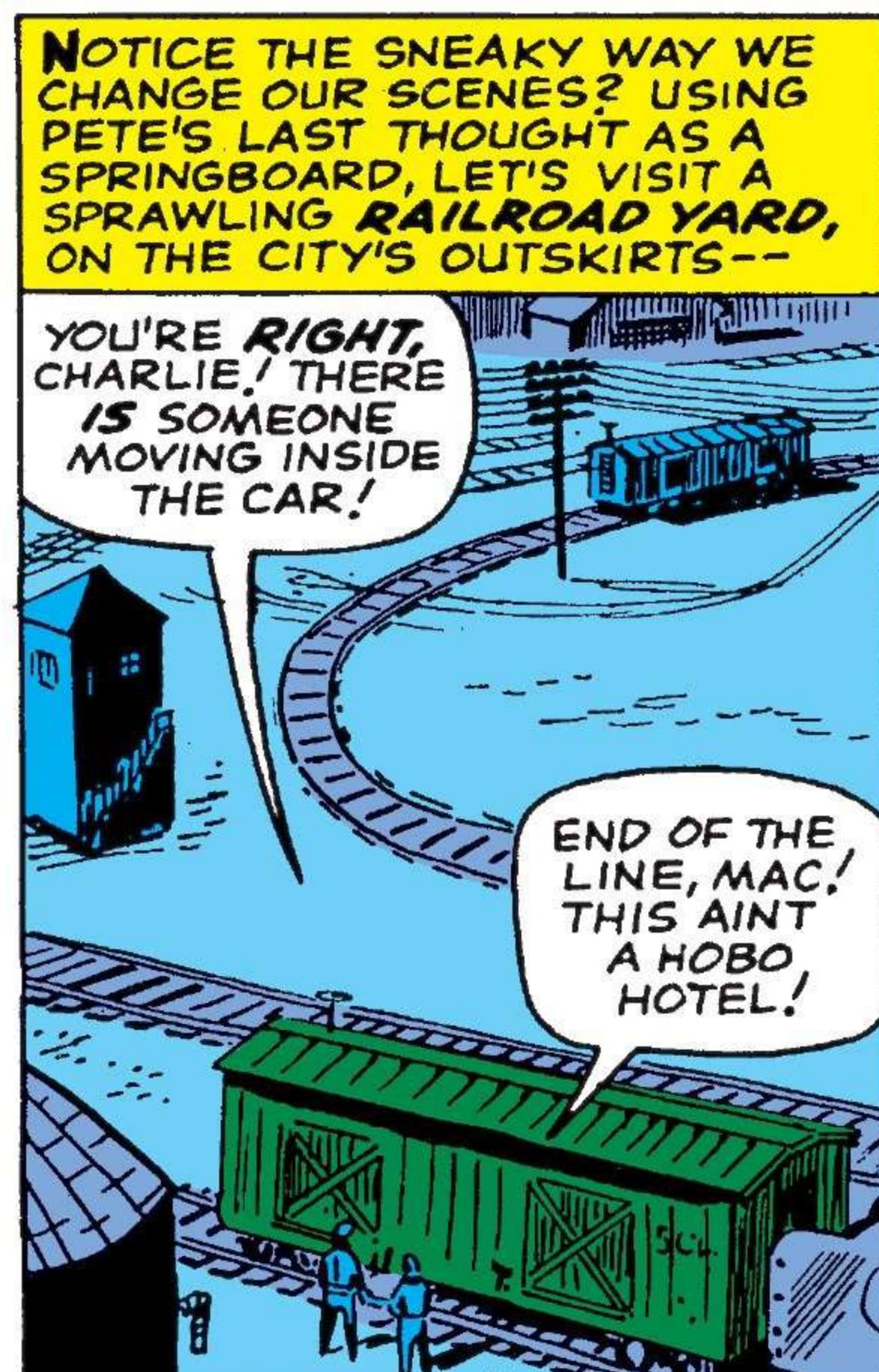
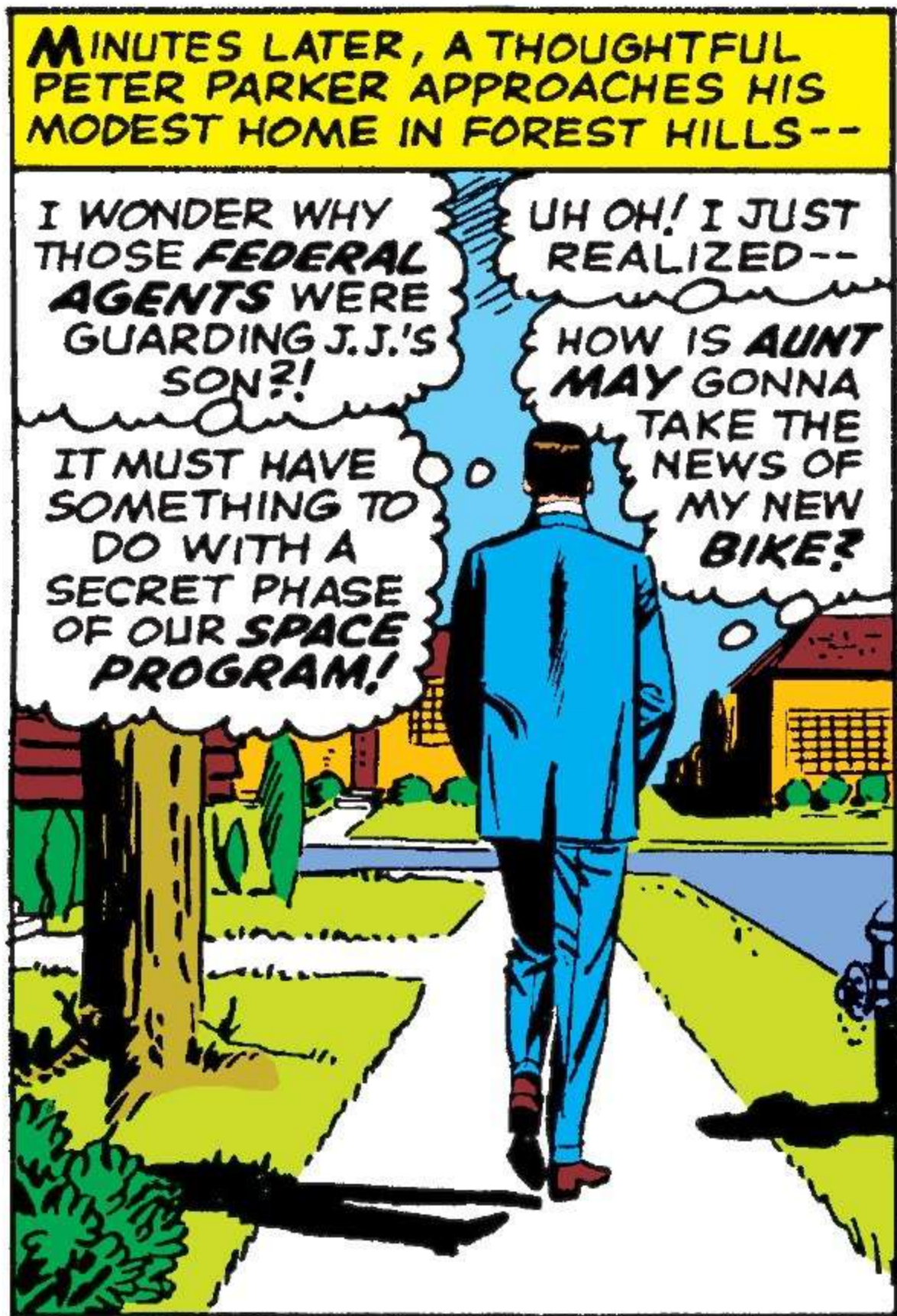
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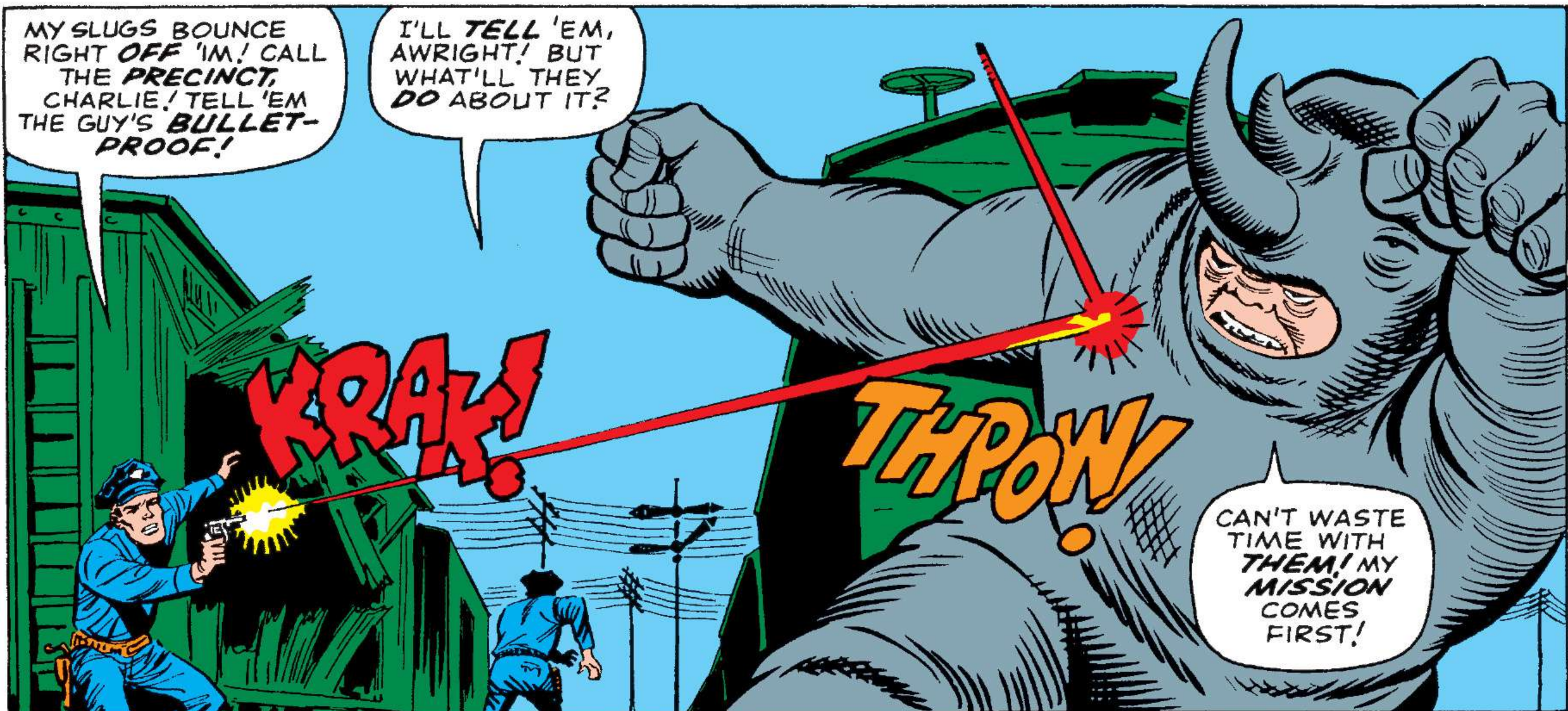
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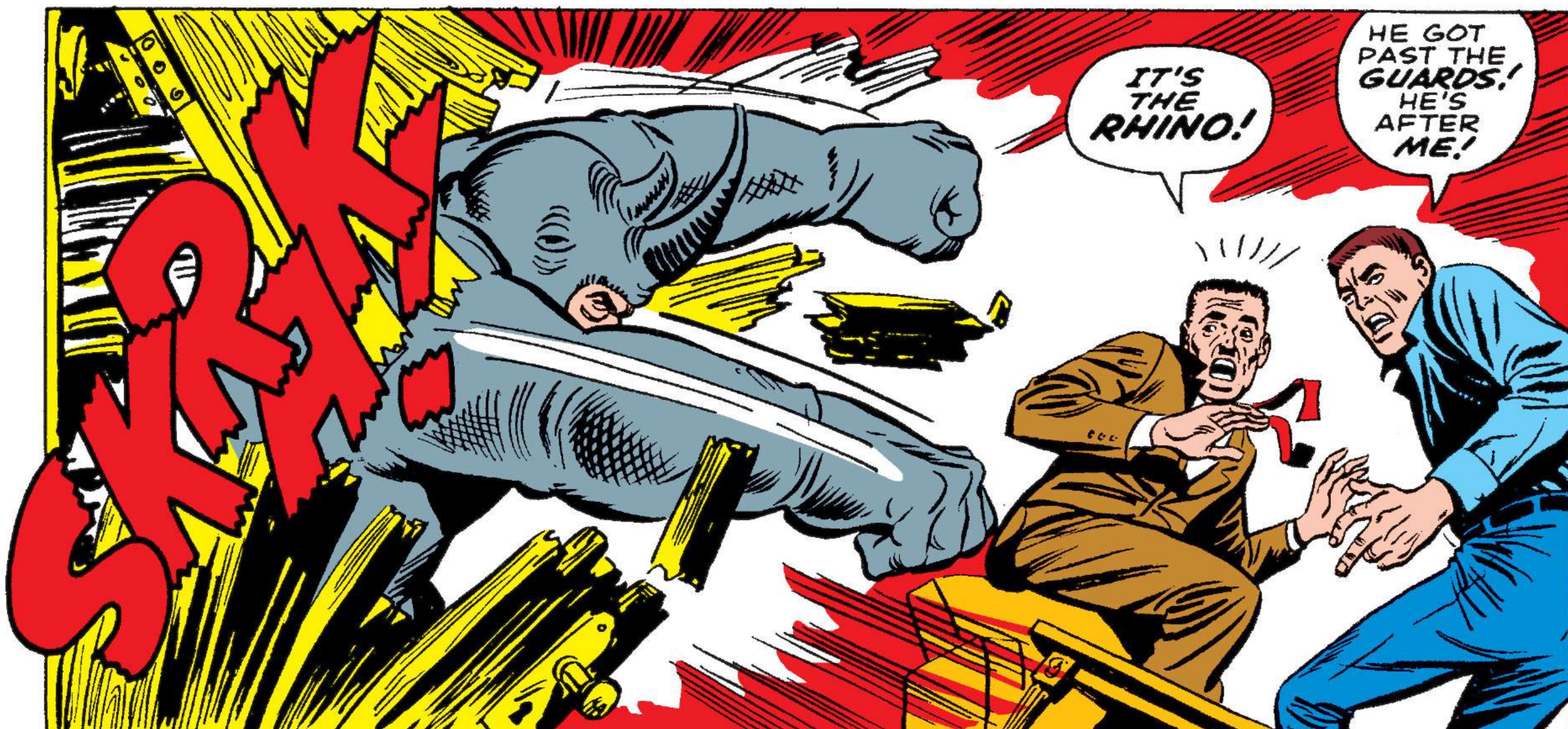
WHAT--EVER WE HAD BEFORE--WHATEVER THERE WAS BETWEEN US--IT'S GONE!



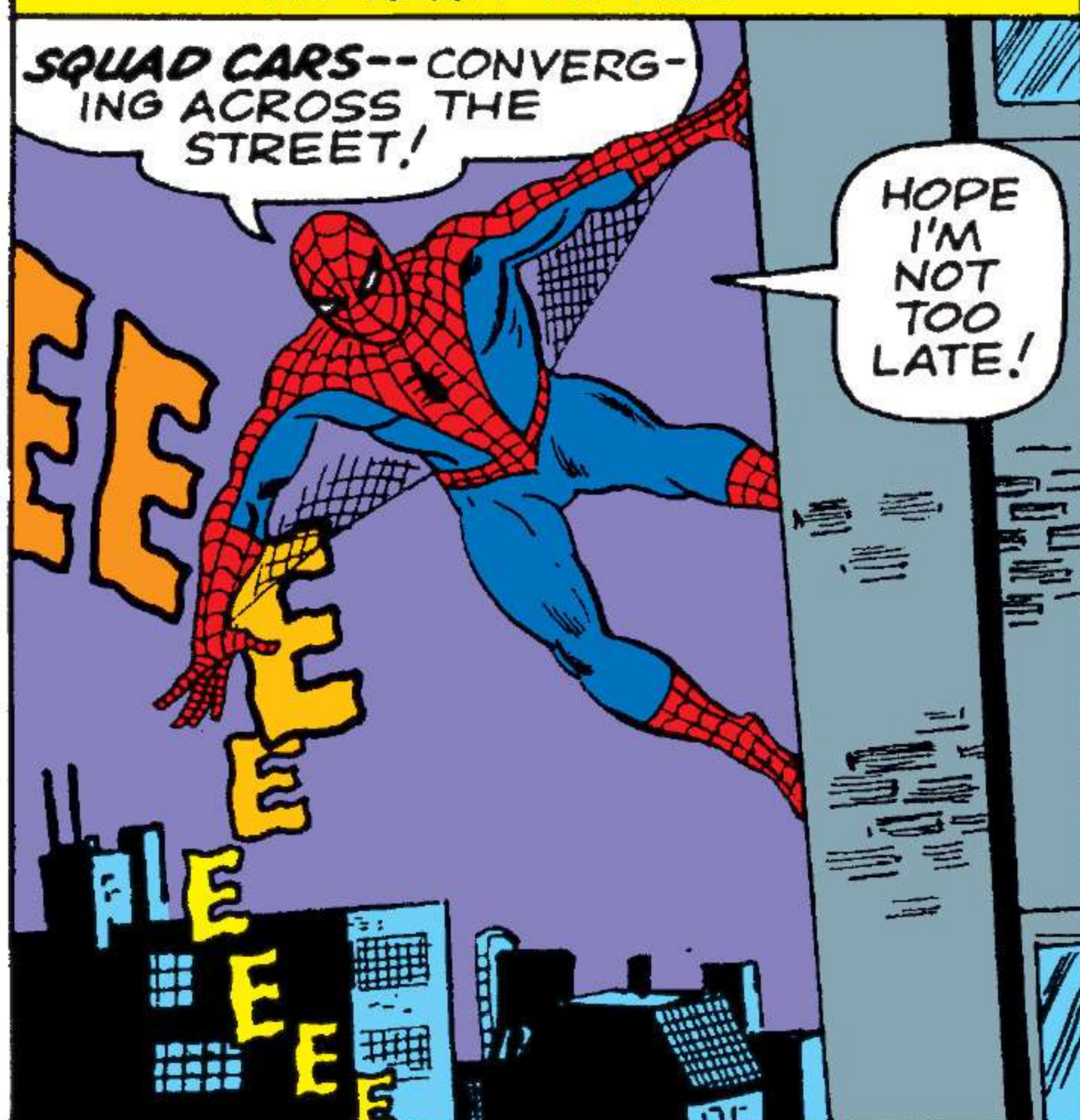


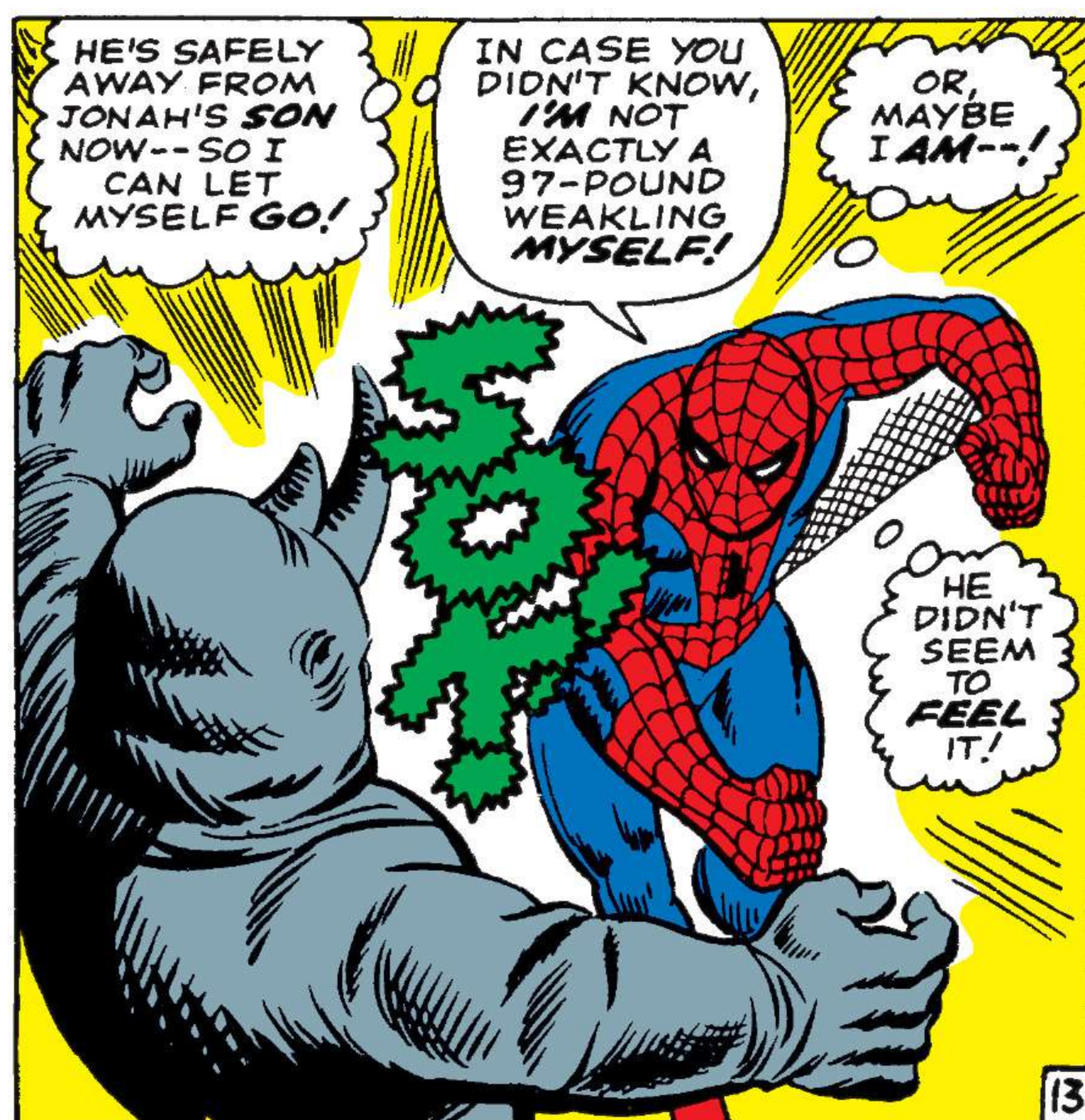
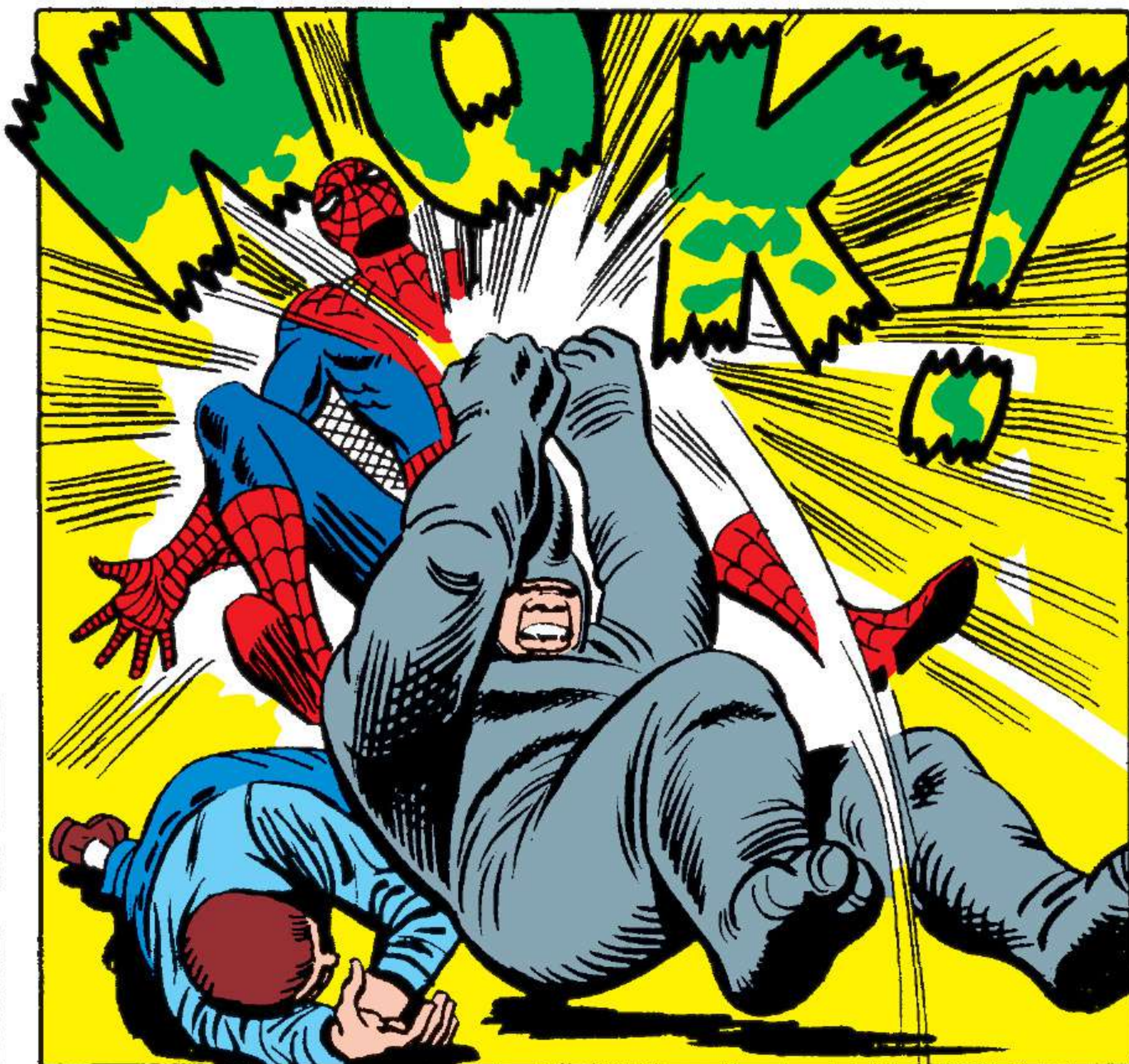


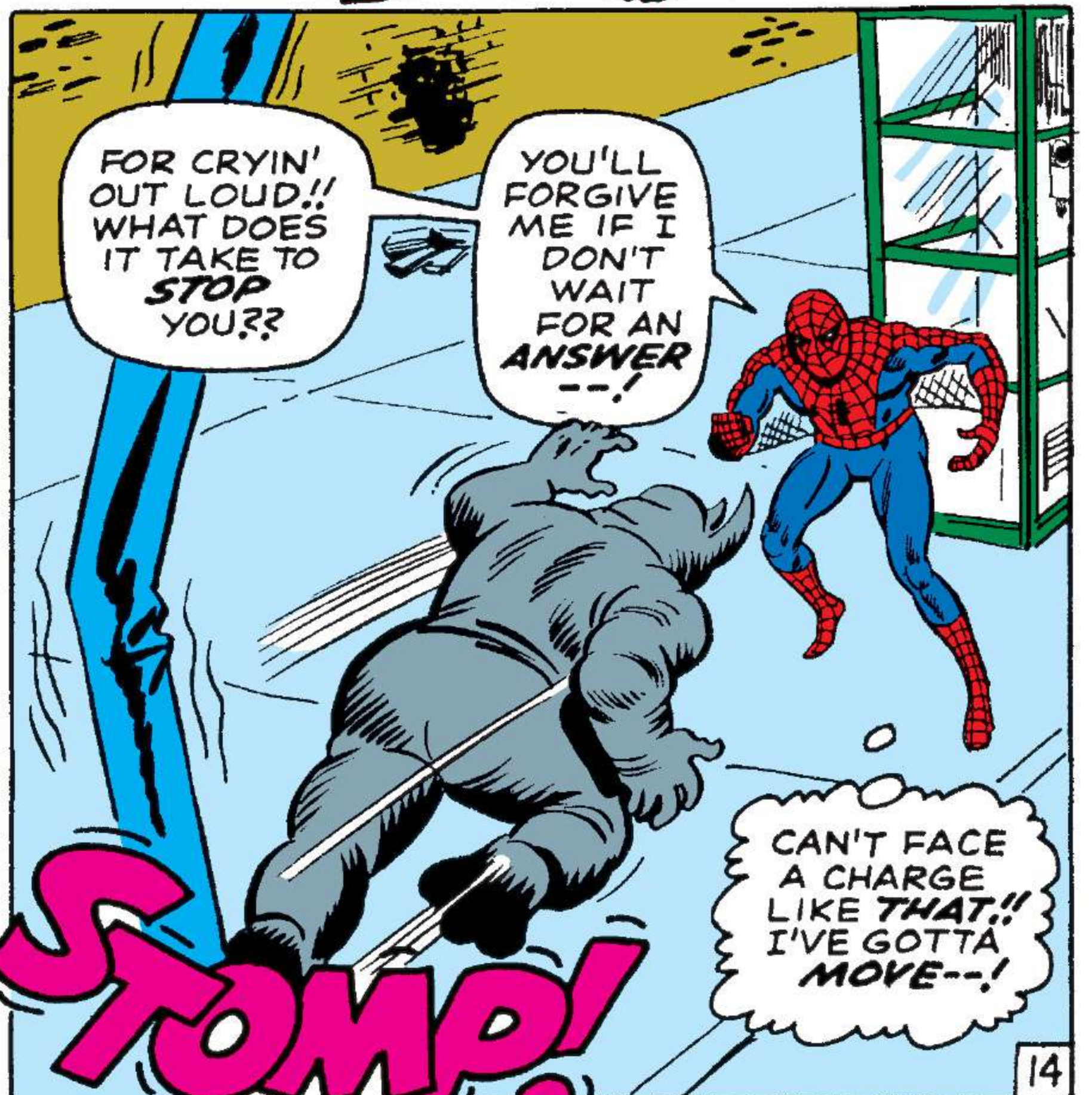
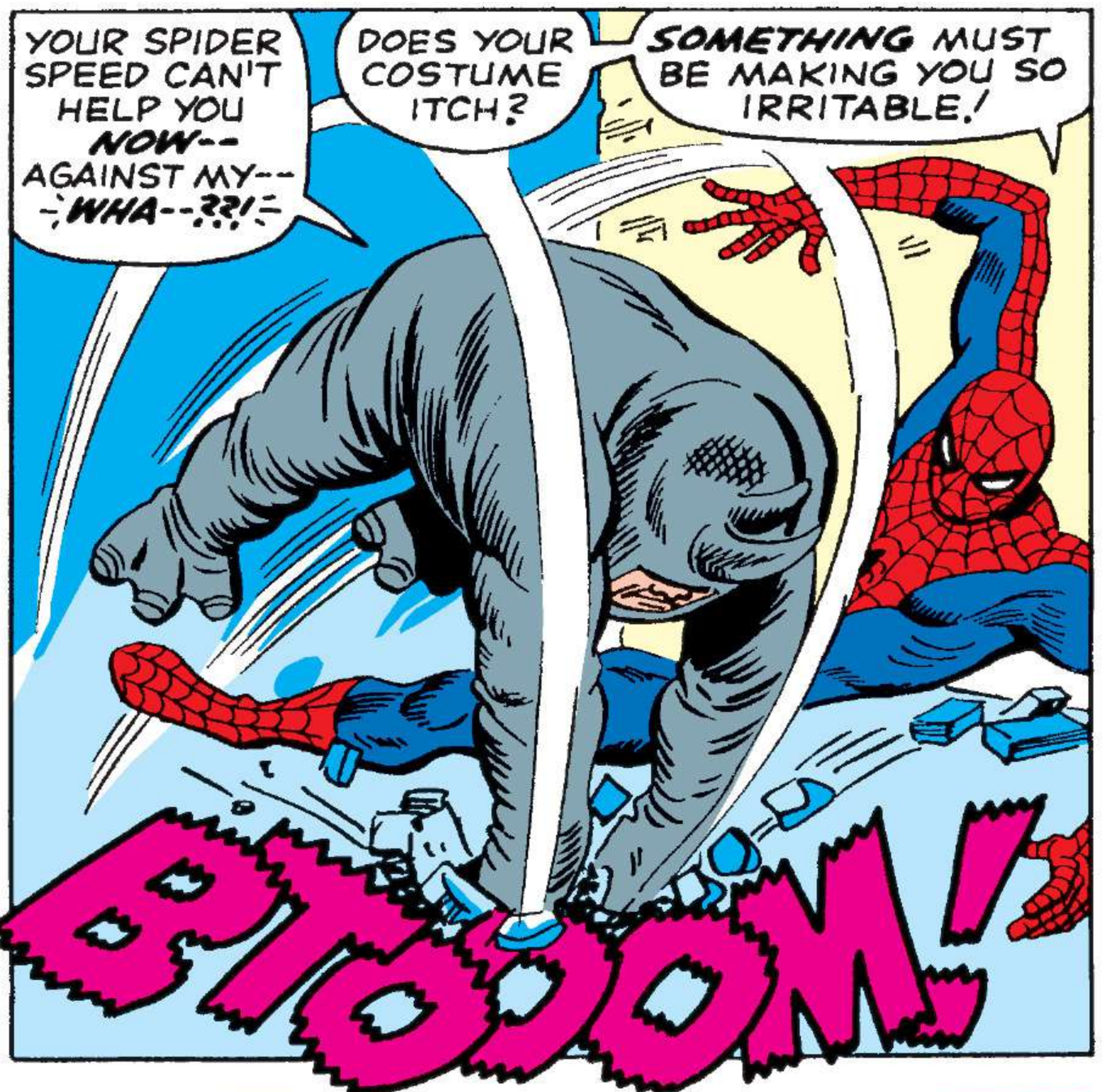
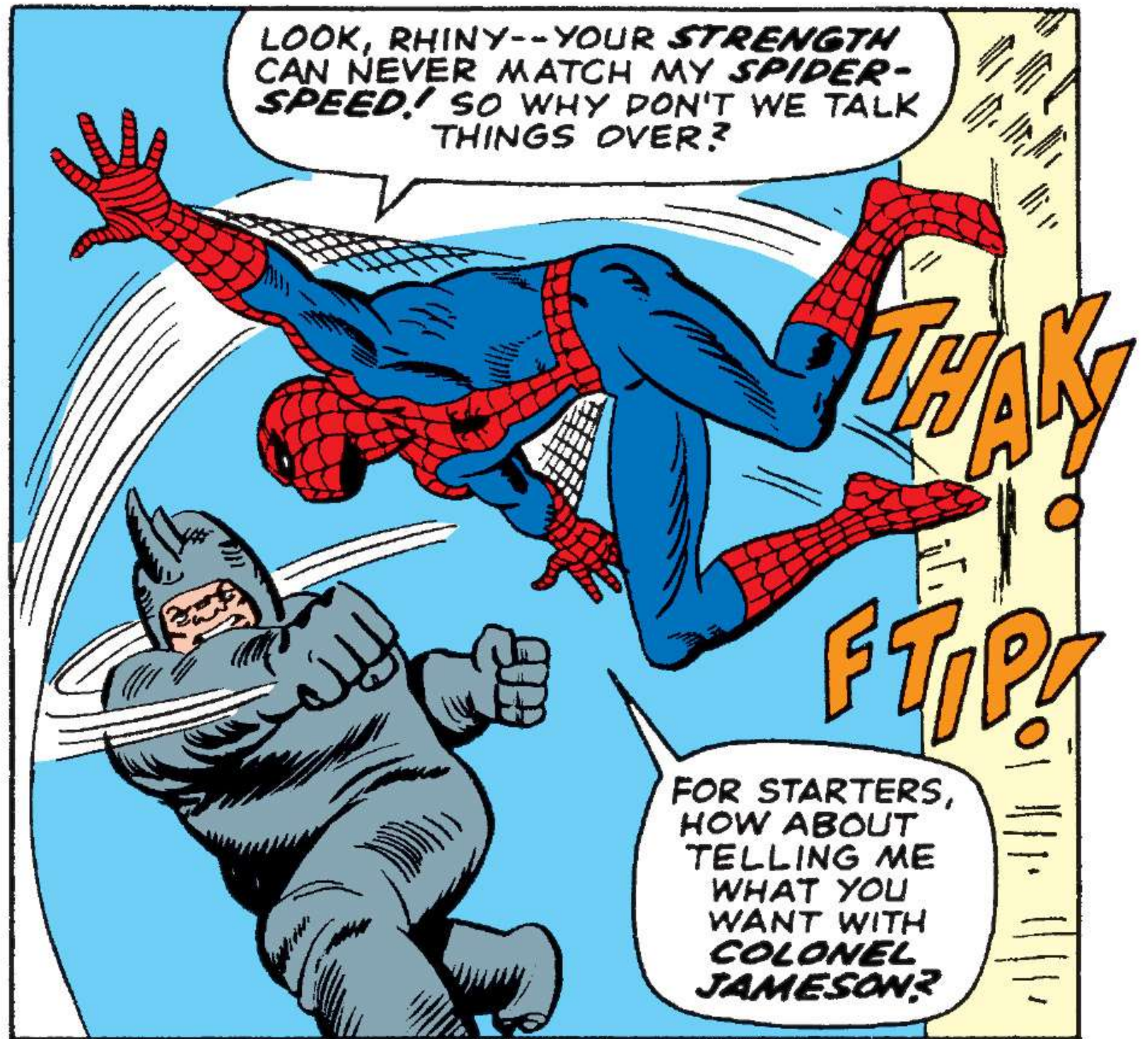


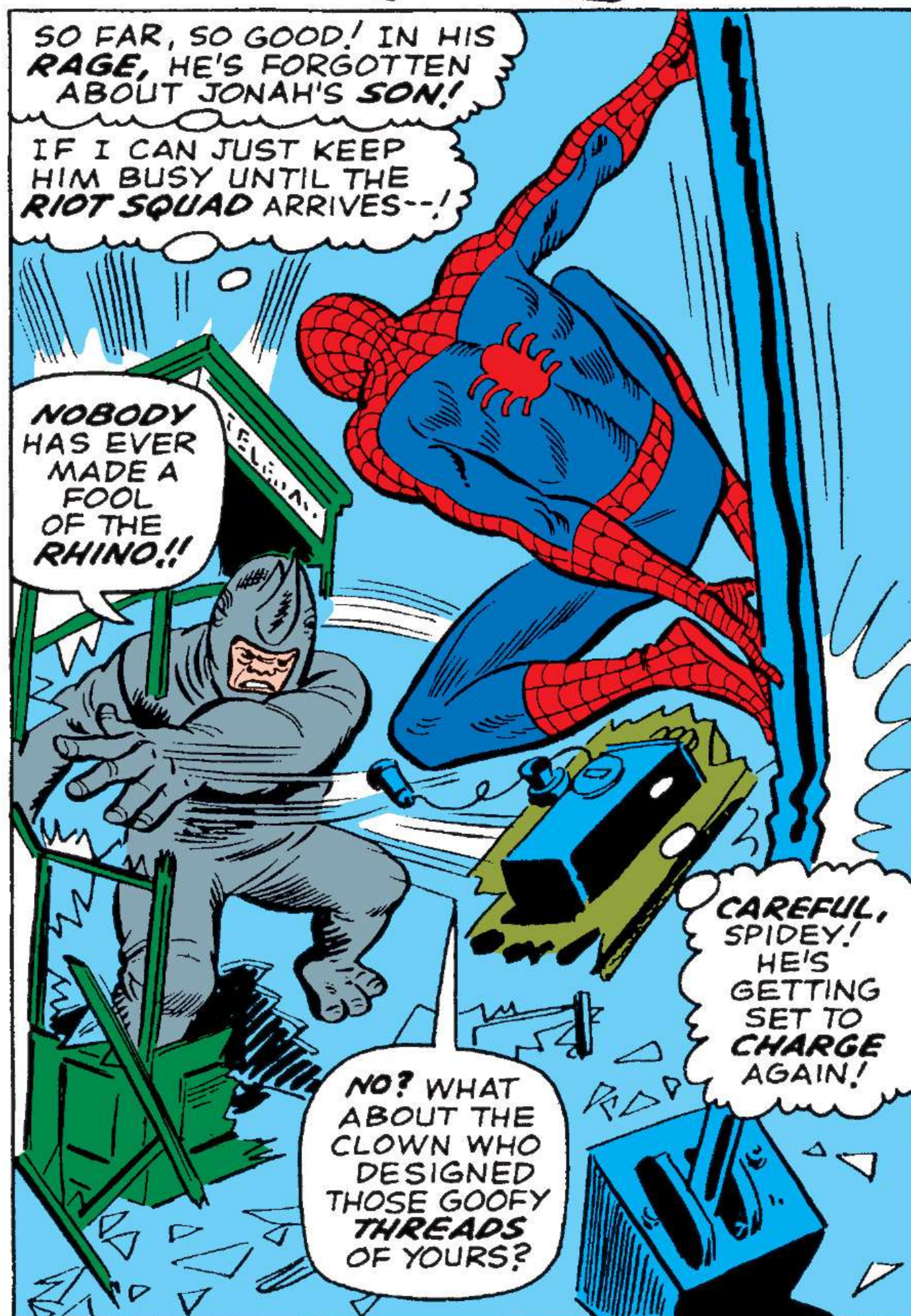
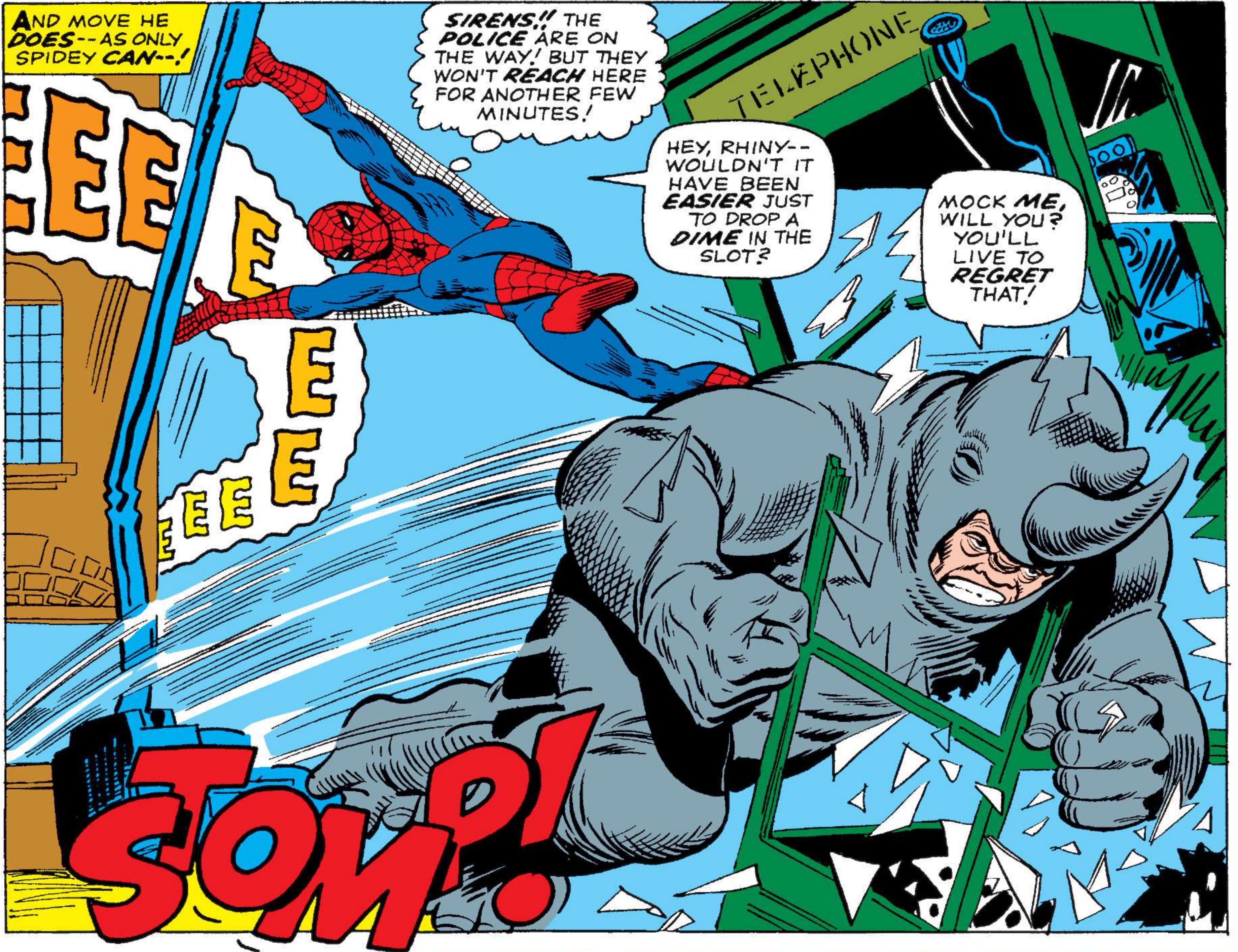


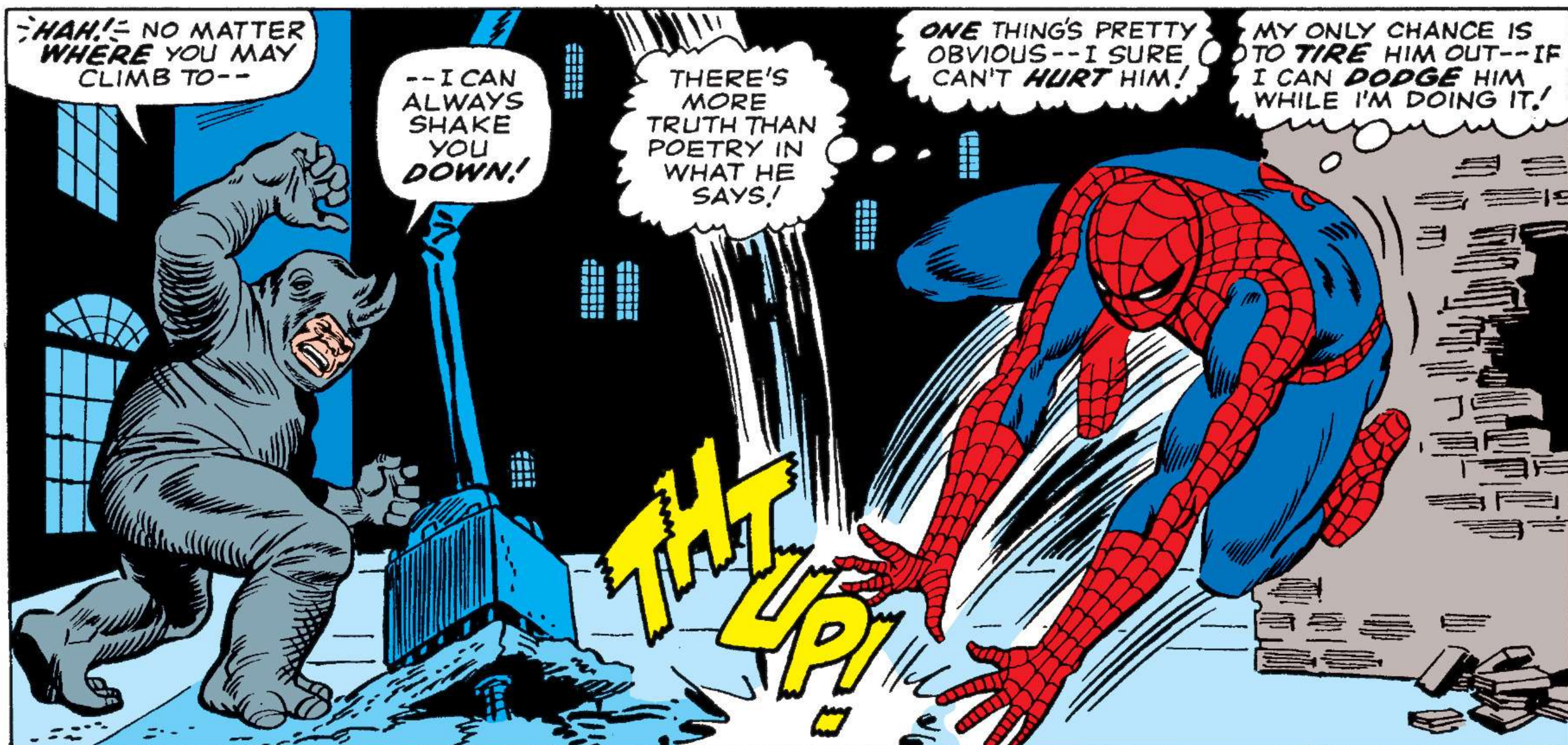
SECONDS LATER, THE PIERCING WAIL OF POLICE SIRENS LEADS OUR WALL-CRAWLING WONDER TO A MIDTOWN HOTEL--

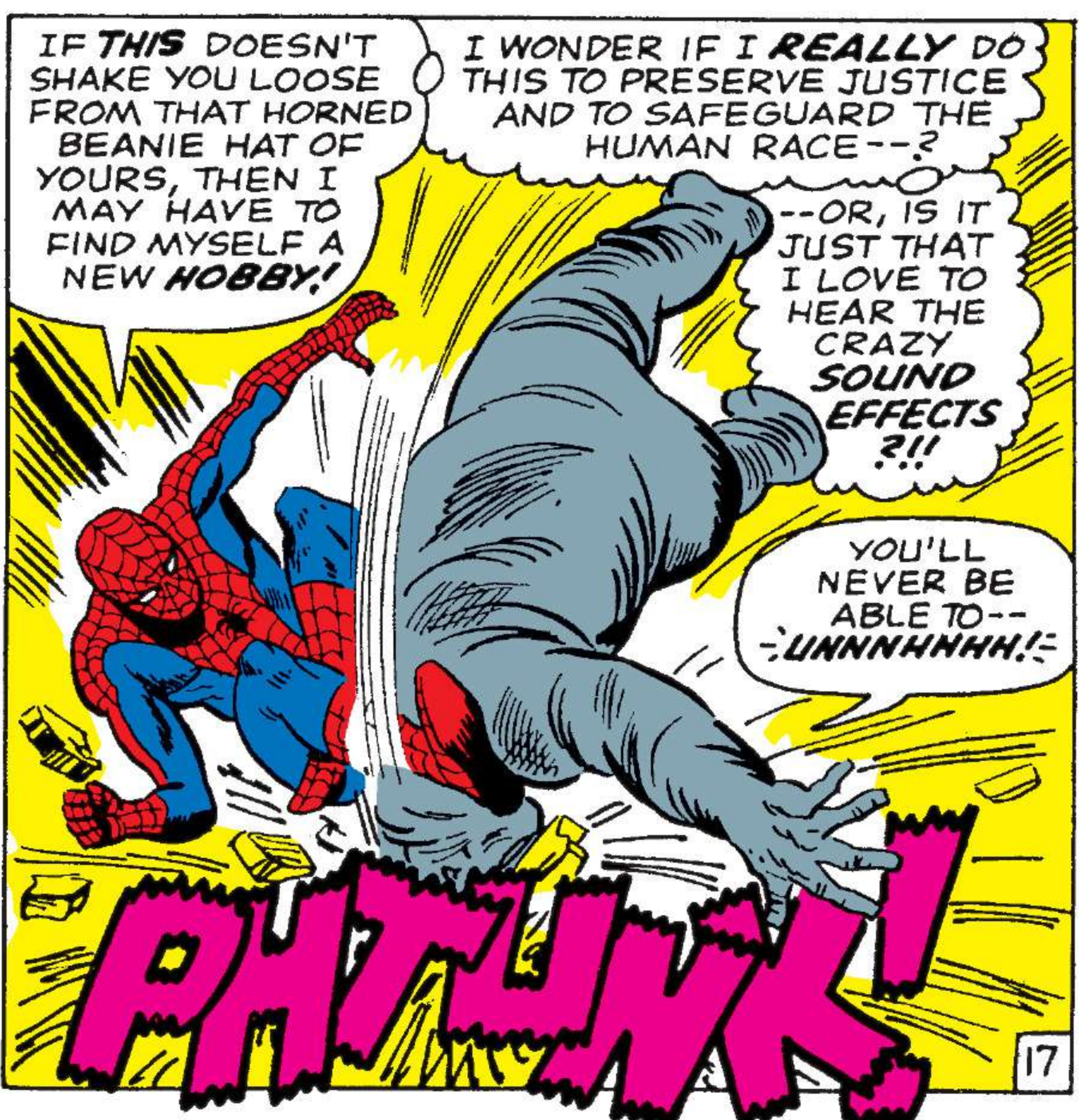
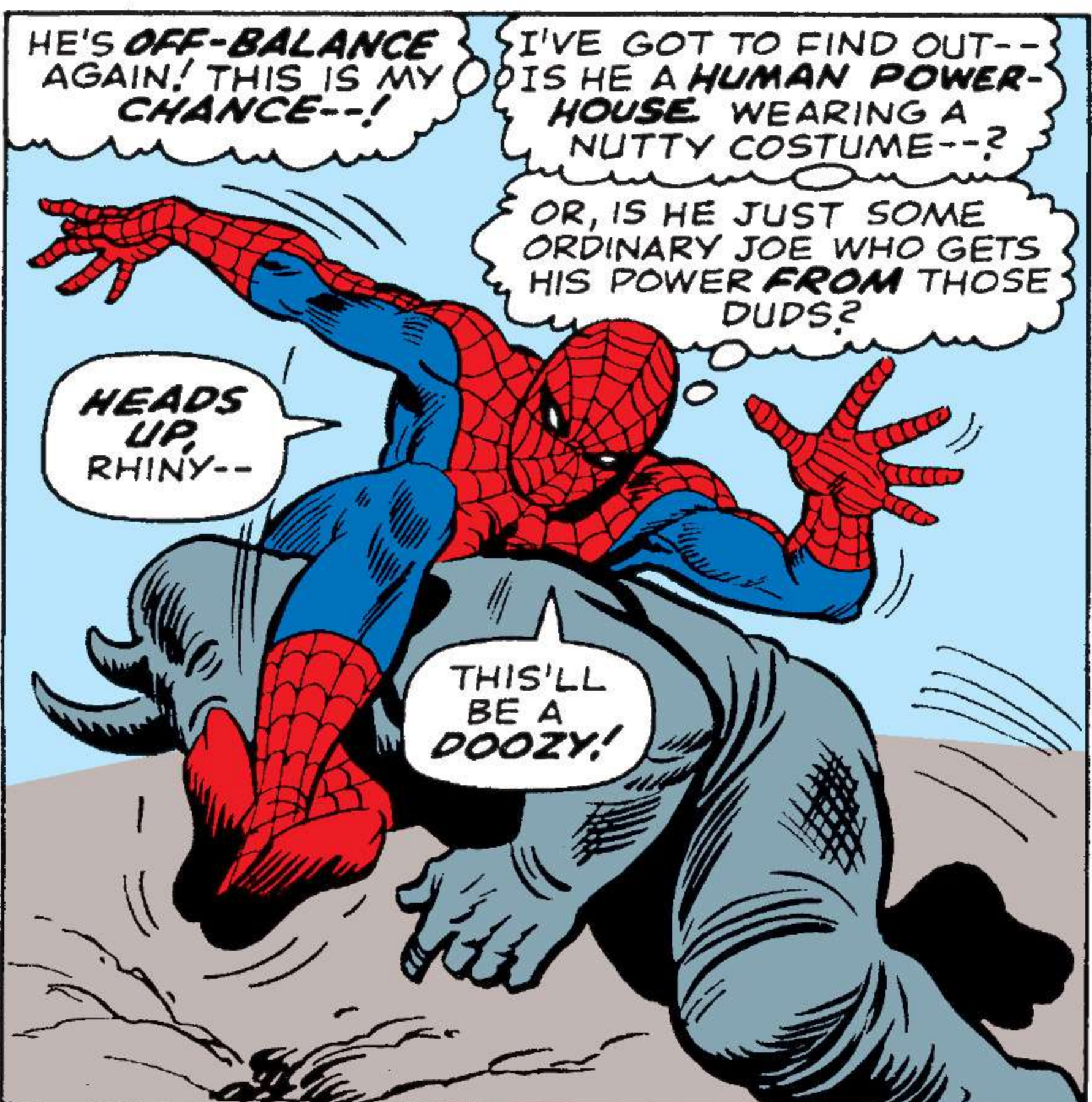
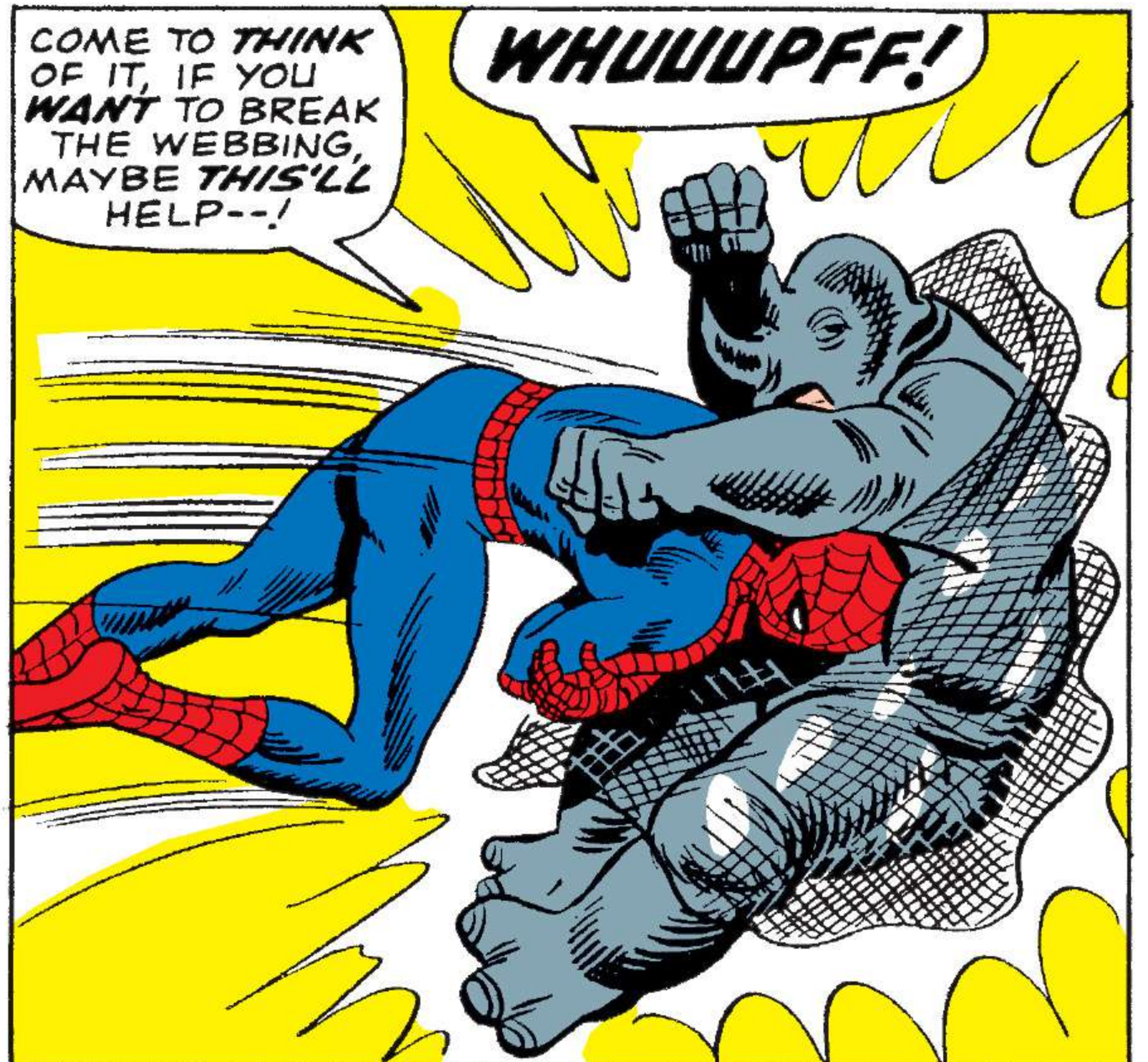
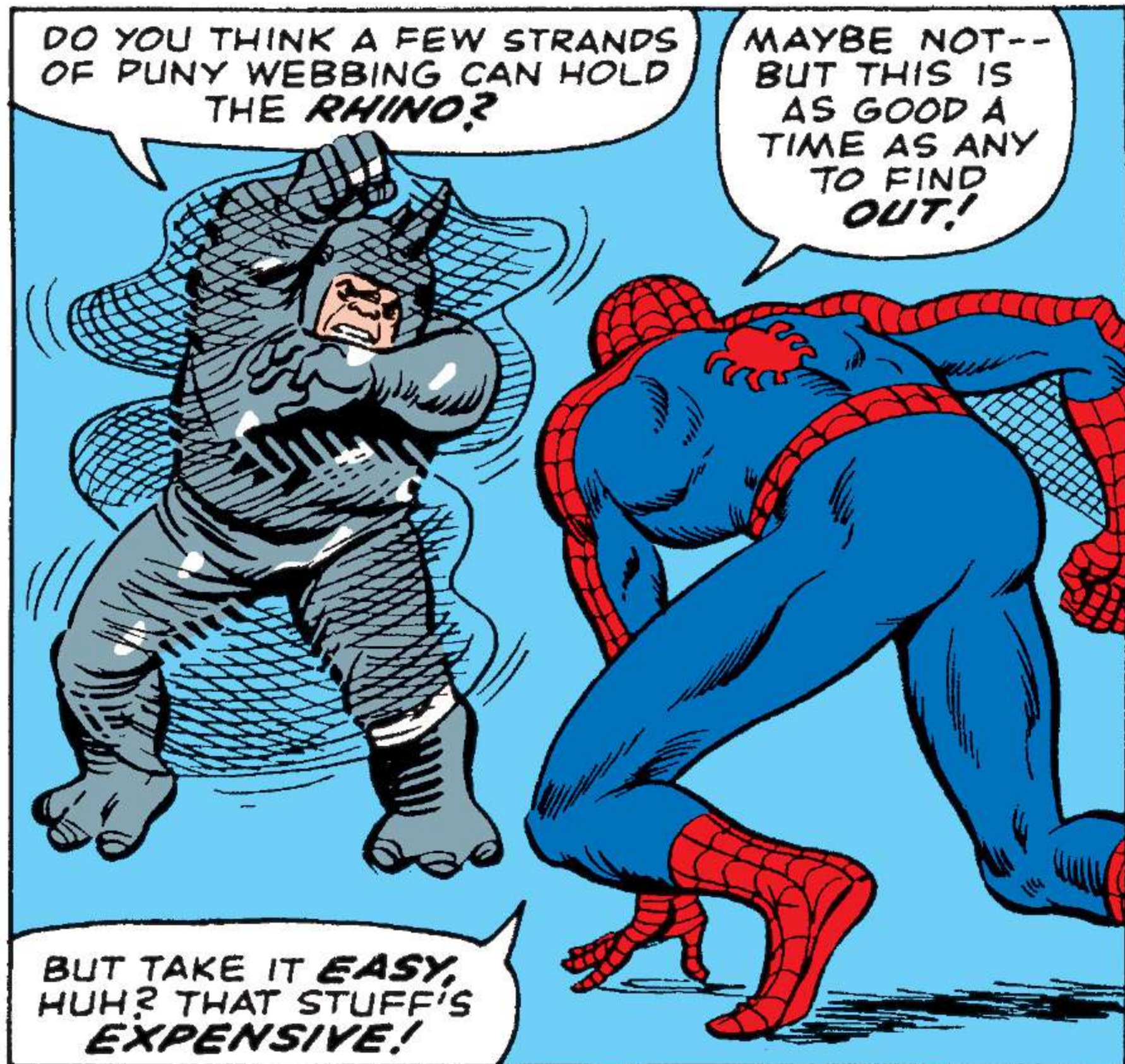












BEHIND THE RHINO--JONAH'S SON IS STARTING TO RECOVER...

THAT'S A RELIEF! AT LEAST HE WASN'T BADLY HURT!

AND HERE COME THE POLICE--RIGHT ON CUE!

HOLD IT, FELLAS! SAVE YOUR BULLETS!!

--YOU WON'T BE NEEDING THEM!

JOHN!! YOU'RE ALL RIGHT, BOY!

SURE, DAD! I'M OKAY--!

THRUM!

WHAT'S EVERYONE STANDING AROUND FOR! YOU'VE GOT THE RHINO--!

NOW, HERE'S YOUR CHANCE TO MAKE IT A **DOUBLE PLAY**--GRAB THAT **WALL-CRAWLER**, ALSO!!

ON WHAT **CHARGE**, MR. JAMESON?

IT TAKES ONE TO **KNOW** ONE, MISTER!

CHARGE, SHMARGE! 'CAUSE HE'S A **FINK**!

THAT DOES IT! I'LL SUE YOU FOR **SLANDER**!

NOBODY COULD SLANDER YOU!!

IF BIG-MOUTH SPOUTS OFF **LONG** ENOUGH, HE'LL CONVINCE THEM I'M A ONE-MAN **CRIME WAVE**...

SO I'D BETTER CUT OUT NOW!

BUT, THERE'S **ONE** THING REALLY WORRYING ME--!

HOW ARE THEY GONNA **KEEP** THE RHINO IN JAIL AFTER THEY **GET** HIM THERE?

IT'S **AMAZING**! WE COULDN'T GET THAT RHINO SUIT **OFF** HIM! WE'LL HAVE TO LOCK HIM UP **WEARING** IT!

IMAGINE THAT **WEB-SLINGING WEASEL** GETTING AWAY **SCOT-FREE**!

BUT WHAT HAPPENS WHEN HE **COMES TO**? HE MIGHT CRASH RIGHT OUT THRU THE **WALLS**!

BUT, DAD--HE **CAUGHT** THE RHINO--AND PROBABLY **SAVED** ME!

WE'LL WORRY ABOUT **THAT** WHEN THE TIME COMES!

BALONEY!! HE WAS JUST OUT TO SAVE HIS **OWN** SCRAWNY NECK!



LADY, THERE'S A LOT YOU DON'T KNOW ABOUT ME! BUT, STICK AROUND-- I'M PLANNING TO EDUCATE YOU!

PETER PARKER! WHAT ON EARTH HAS CHANGED YOU SO?

NOTHING, GWEN! MAYBE THE REAL ME IS JUST BEGINNING TO BREAK THRU!

THOSE EYES! THOSE LIPS! SHE'S TOO MUCH!

SAY, DOLL-- WHAT'S WITH MR. BOOKWORM THESE DAYS?

WHATEVER IT IS, FLASH, WHY DON'T YOU GET FRIENDLY WITH HIM?

MAYBE SOME OF IT WILL RUB OFF ON YOU!

THE WAY PETE LOOKED AT ME-- LIKE HE WAS SEEING ME-- FOR THE FIRST TIME!

LOOK, MAY-- HERE COMES YOUR NEPHEW!

THAT MUST BE THE NEW MOTOR-CYCLE HE BOUGHT HIMSELF!

I DO HOPE RIDING IN THE OPEN THAT WAY WON'T AFFECT HIS SINUSES!

I SUPPOSE SO, ANNA!

HI, AUNT MAY!

THERE IT IS! ISN'T SHE A BEAUT?

I SUPPOSE SO, PETER DEAR! IT'S A REAL PUSSYWILLOW!

NO, NO, MAY! THE EXPRESSION IS PUSSYCAT!

WELL, PETER KNOWS WHAT I MEANT! YOU'VE BEEN SUCH A WONDERFUL BOY THAT I'M GLAD YOU GOT YOUR MOTORCYCLE-- IF THAT'S WHAT YOU WANTED!

THANKS, AUNT MAY! YOU'RE A REAL PUSSYWILLOW!

LOOKS LIKE YOU STARTED SOMETHING, MAY PARKER!

WELL, I HAVE TO LEAVE NOW!

BUT, DON'T FORGET-- YOU AND PETER ARE COMING TO MY HOUSE FOR DINNER SUNDAY NIGHT!

OF COURSE, ANNA DEAR! I'M SO ANXIOUS FOR PETER TO MEET YOUR NIECE, MARY JANE!

UH OH!

AND NO EXCUSES THIS TIME, YOUNG MAN!

POOR MARY JANE HAS BEEN WANTING TO MEET YOU FOR MONTHS!

I GUESS I'LL JUST HAVE TO GET IT OVER WITH, ONCE AND FOR ALL!

SURE, AUNT MAY! I'LL BE THERE!

WOULDN'T IT BE FUNNY IF SHE'S A REAL DOLL?!!

AW, C'MON, MR. PARKER-- STOP DAY-DREAMING! YOU KNOW THERE ISN'T A CHANCE!

RRRRRRRR

NEXT ISSUE:
WE DON'T HAVE TO TELL YOU WE'LL HAVE A GREAT BATTLE, WITH MORE SENSATIONAL SPIDEY ACTION-- YOU KNOW ALL THAT! SO, WE'LL JUST TIP YOU OFF THAT YOU'RE FINALLY ABOUT TO MEET: **MARY JANE!**